

TRANSCRIPT GENERAL MEETING #1

04/09/2024

18:00

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1. Opening

Julia Horsmans opens the meeting at 18:07.

Julia Horsmans explains the General Meeting.

2. Announcements

- Andrei-Cristian Mardale can't be here tonight and authorises Lucas Ehrlich to vote.
- Danique Pater can't be here tonight and authorises Lotta Heijnen to vote.
- David Geraedts can't be here tonight and authorises Kirsten Göbel to vote.
- Martijn van der Zee can't be here tonight and authorises Lotta Heijnen to vote.
- Nil Yuksel can't be here tonight and authorises Laura Toledo to vote.
- Pjotr Homan can't be here tonight and authorises Lucas Ehrlich to vote.
- Stefan Leca can't be here tonight and authorises Lucas Ehrlich to vote.
- Simon Westhoff can't be here tonight and authorises Mandy Schunselaar to vote.

- Edmond Agabekian has to leave at 21:15 and will be back at 00:00. He authorises Mandy Schunselaar to vote in the meantime.
- Boaz Emmanuels has to leave at 21:15 and will be back at 00:00. He authorises Anaïs van Schalen to vote in the meantime.
- Žygimantas Pupelis has to leave at 21:15 and will be back at 00:00. He authorises Mandy Schunselaar to vote in the meantime.
- Rohit Soebdhan will join us at 19:15 and has to leave at 23:15 and authorises Dylan Ingelse to vote.
- Laura Toledo has to leave at 23:00 and authorises Isa Witteman to vote. Nil Yüksel's vote will also go to Isa Witteman.
- Kirsten Göbel has to leave at 00:00 and authorises Mandy Schunselaar to vote.
- Sanne Davidse has to leave at 22:00 and authorises Melissa Sier to vote. After Melissa Sier leaves she authorises Esmee Blankers to vote.
- Laura Kirin has to leave at 23:15 and authorises Esmee Blankers to vote.
- Demi Acquoy has to leave at 20:30 and authorises Julia Horsmans to vote.
- Lotta Heijnen has to leave at 20:30 and authorises Julia Hosmans to vote. Danique Pater and Martijn van der Zee their votes are not passed on.
- Melissa Sier has to leave at 00:20 and authorises Selin Elcheik to vote.

Julia Horsmans explains the General Meeting Bingo.

3. Approval of Transcript

Everyone approves of the transcript.

4. Approval of Agenda

Everyone approves of the agenda.

5. Questions for Candidate Board

- Julia Horsmans: This round of questions will only be function related questions.

- Dylan Ingelse: We are the 78th Candidate Board. I am Dylan Ingelse, 20 years old and going to be the Chairman of the 78th Board.
- Mabel van Gent: Mabel van Gent, Secretary of the 78th Board.
- Robyn Bernhard: Robyn Bernhard, Treasurer of the 78th Board.
- Isabel Bartelds: Isabel Bartelds, Commissioner of Communication and Media of the 78th Board.
- Anne Bruggink: Anne Bruggink, 21 years old, Commissioner of External Contacts.
- Mandy Schunselaar: How is it going in your functions? Are you happy?
- Dylan Ingelse: Yes I think it is going quite well if I say so for myself. No complaints.
- Mabel van Gent: We are happy.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Since you have been Candidate Board for a while. Did something change about what you are most excited for? Now you know your function?
- Dylan Ingelse: Not really. But the things I was worried about most went away more. Like lecture talks. Once you have done one it is not that bad.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: In the beginning you were a part time Board. Since now you got confirmation you are a full time Board. How did your expectations change?
- Isabel Bartelds: We made adjustments to the room hours schedule. We are all very excited that we were able to do it full time. Everyone is happy.
- Dylan Ingelse: We are still studying but we are putting Board first. We are following courses if we are able to. For the rest. When we started as part time Board was a surprise. So when we applied we already assumed full time so part of our original plan.
- Demi Acquoy: Why did you get an exception to be a full time Board?
- Dylan Ingelse: The Faculty changed their standards. The counting was different but they also lowered the threshold. We were just below but if we got support from the Faculty board we could be full time. They supported us.
- Demi Acquoy: What is the new threshold?
- Dylan Ingelse: 750 members.
- Demi Acquoy: That is great news.
- Laura Kirin: Can we know your committees?
- Isabel Bartelds: I don't think so.
- Dylan Ingelse: We can only do that when our Policy Plan is voted in and we have our committees.
- Lotta Heijnen: What are you most looking forward to in your functions and least?
- Dylan Ingelse: Most, meeting all different kinds of people. I have already been to LOOP, SPS-NIP was cancelled unfortunately. Least excited for lecture talks but not as bad as I thought.
- Mabel van Gent: I love organising. I am happy when I do this. And also adding everyone to the member file. When someone comes in, I know it is them. I do not like organising for other people because they depend on me. But until now it has worked fine.
- Robyn Bernhard: I am looking forward to puzzling with the budget and the treasures budgets. I do not look forward to presenting.
- Isabel Bartelds: I look forward to the creative side. I have enjoyed it up until now. I am least looking forward to the stress. Maybe once everything is settled it will be fine.
- Anne Bruggink: I look forward to organising events with my committees. I least look forward to the chaotic periods where we have a lot of work at the same time. I can handle it but do not like it.
- Julia Horsmans: What is something that your predecessor did that you liked and what is something you think I can learn from that and do it differently?
- Dylan Ingelse: What I liked is that my predecessor was always everywhere. At a lot of events. While at the same time be there for everyone. What I would watch out for is how crazy I would behave at events.
- Mabel van Gent: I liked how organised she was and how she helped me become Secretary for the 78th Board. And today we learned how we can export and do things more easily and not have to do everything manually, so that is something I would do differently.

- Robyn Bernhard: What I admire is that my predecessor was really hands on and very assertive. He always called everyone if he had to ask or arrange something. And I admire him for helping committees with their budget. What I would change is that I don't want to disappear and not answer the questions some committee members have.
- Isabel Bartelds: What I liked most is that she kept everything light hearted and fun which made it easy to have a good bond within committees. What I would do differently, you will see in the Policy Plan. About the way the posts are made.
- Anne Bruggink: I am not sure who my predecessor has been but I will go with Simon Westhoff. I can learn a lot. I would learn that he has a lot of new and great ideas. He did not always go through with it. I will try to always go through with my ideas. The thing I would look out for is time management and being on top of things.
- Selin Elcheik: Commissioner of External Contacts. You didn't have a predecessor. How did you find the whole process with the training?
- Anne Bruggink: I had Esmee Blankers as a trainer because she did most of the work in the email and answering the email. I think with being Commissioner of External Contacts you have a lot of freedom. Some set points. Furthermore it is just ideas and working them out. I was happy with the training.
- Demi Acquoy: If you need any help you can always contact me. I have been active in different Boards without Commissioner of External Contacts.

6. Evaluation on Policy Plan 2023-2024

Julia Horsmans updates the Policy Plan.

Julia Horsmans presents Committee Development.

- Julia Horsmans: All the committees have operated as described in the Policy Plan. Almost all events have been concluded. The events that did not happen were one Feestcie event and one Pedcie event. The explanation for this can be found in the transcript of the relevant General Meeting. Some committees still have events that will take place after this General Meeting. These are LEX, Pedcie, Actie, Congrescie, Sportcie, Barcie and Illusie.
- Kirsten Göbel: Sportcie also did not have an event.
- Esmee Blankers: They do have enough events to follow the Policy Plan.

Julia Horsmans presents Communication.

- Julia Horsmans: This point has been achieved halfway through the academic year already.
- Selin Elcheik: Good job on getting the translation.

Julia Horsmans presents Members.

Membership

- Julia Horsmans: Has been executed as stated.

New Members

- Julia Horsmans: The VSPVU has gained 169 new Bachelor members and 23 new Master members. This is not adequate for our goal. We have discussed with the 78th Board how to improve these numbers in the upcoming year.
- Boaz Emanuels: The set goals have not been achieved and you have talked with the 78th Board. Could you give us some reading as to why.
- Julia Horsmans: Personally what I have noticed is a big difference in attitude. A lot of students are not as active as the years before. Other associations have the same problems. We think there is a decrease of interest in joining in the first year of the study.
- Boaz Emanuels: Have you also spoken to possible counters?
- Julia Horsmans: We think that making the VSPVU room a more cosy place can attract more members. We have invested money to improve the room. There will be more changes. On top of that the 78th Board also has some other plans but you will hear about that later.

- Dylan Ingelse: The 645 yearly contribution. Was that set in the beginning? Or was that changed.
- Esmee Blankers: It was set when we made the Policy Plan. This was around August.
- Edmond Agabekian: About members leaving the association. Is it easy to get the numbers on that?
- Esmee Blankers: Advice for 78th Board to keep track because now there is no way to keep track of the members leaving.
- Edmond Agabekian: The 79th Board can make an estimate based on these numbers.

Committee Picture

- Julia Horsmans: Due to changes to the VSPVU room, such as a new TV, the pictures have not been hung up on the wall. Instead, they are now displayed in the windowsill instead. Also committees did not send their pictures on time, which caused a delay. This has also been discussed in previous General Meetings.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Is there a reason why they are put out only today. It was feedback already from the last General Meeting.
- Julia Horsmans: Like I already mentioned because of committees not sending pictures. We wanted to put them all together and not disadvantage any committees.
- Isa Witteman: Also since we are making changes in the room we have not put them up yet. Also you mentioned that this was feedback from the last General Meeting. This is true. This was in June. I think this is a mistake on my part. Summer was approaching and motivation was going away. I was not in the room much and forgot.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: You have a yearbook coming out so you have pictures there. I see failed pictures. It has been a year. You could have done it.
- Isa Witteman: We took the Chronicles pictures. We had the frames already. We just needed to hang them up. They were already there.
- Edmond Agabekian: I would agree with Žygimantas Pupelis that this is probably a failed point. Putting them up today is just to check them off the list. You did not do it for the members to see it. I get the reasons but this is not a checked point.
- Isa Witteman: Noted.

Julia Horsmans presents Involvement and Events.

Room Opening Hours

- Julia Horsmans: As discussed in previous General Meetings, this point has been followed.
- Selin Elcheik: How did you experience having opening hours like this? Did you have a hard time maintaining the hours?
- Julia Horsmans: Personally I thought the hours were too long. At the start and end you notice there are not that many people around. It makes you hopefully be productive. I also think if you have such opening hours it never really gets busy. It feels like more people if you have a shorter time slot. For the feeling it was too long. for productivity it was nice.
- Isa Witteman: I personally think they were too long as well. I saw a decrease in the amount of members coming to the room and they were the same members. We did not see a lot of new faces. We think the 78th Board will improve. It kind of increased but also decreased the members coming in.

Julia Horsmans presents General Meeting Bingo.

- Julia Horsmans: As discussed in previous General Meetings, this point has been followed.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Do you think General Meeting Bingo boosts participation and do you think it might be disturbing? What changes would you make to it?
- Julia Horsmans: I do not think it was the most effective way to boost participation but I do think it keeps people focused a bit more. You are more actively listening. I cannot say something about differences in participation, because all the General Meetings I have attended had the General Meeting Bingo.

- Edmond Agabekian: The General Meeting Bingo was partly the goal for more attendance. Do you have any other ideas? Do you have advice for the 78th Board?
- Julia Horsmans: I think the 78th Board has come up with their own ideas so you will get an answer later.

Julia Horsmans presents Speelkwartier (recess).

- Julia Horsmans: We have decided to discontinue this initiative due to the fact that it did not work the way we hoped it would. This has been further discussed and explained in previous General Meetings.

Julia Horsmans presents Member Initiative.

- Julia Horsmans: This point has been executed as stated. However, there were no ideas carried out.
- Selin Elcheik: You had a cool idea with the Shark Tank. Do you think people maybe did not understand or did not feel like organising? Or do you think promotion or planning could have been better?
- Julia Horsmans: I think there are a lot of things that can be improved. I think the idea is nice but execution could be better. Maybe more promotion and people might not know what it is. I can understand there are a lot of people that do not know. I think you can improve this point but not do a shark tank again.

Julia Horsmans presents Member Opinion:

- Julia Horsmans: Followed! We used this for Sportcie and the Aida the Musical.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: From Sportcie's perspective we asked what we would do. We received a lot of answers but it would be nice to even have 10% of attendance. I think for events it needs to be reevaluated if it works.

Julia Horsmans presents Introduction Event for Master Students.

- Julia Horsmans: This event took place and we got a lot of great reactions and feedback for future events!

Julia Horsmans presents Route 77.

- Julia Horsmans: The winners of the Route 77 have been informed about their prize and the point has been followed as stated as well.
- Edmond Agabekian: Can you explain for new members?
- Julia Horsmans: Route 77 are challenges given during the General Board Meeting for committees to complete. This is invented so committees can have a chance to bond and win a prize. All the challenges have a certain amount of points, and the committee with the most points wins the route 77!
- Lucas: Price for route 77 was an activity. Are you still planning to do it?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: We are going to use it.

Julia Horsmans presents Committee Sponsor.

- Julia Horsmans: We tried to follow this point as well as we could and quite a few committees ended up with a sponsor. During previous General Meetings we already had quite some discussions about this.

Julia Horsmans presents Alumni.

- Julia Horsmans: This point has been followed as stated.

Julia Horsmans presents Sustainability.

- Julia Horsmans: The 77th Board can proudly say that they have significantly reduced the amount of single use plastic, and wasteful use of paper. As you all may know we have a bin for deposit money, all the voting is done online and we have held a clothing swap. All committees have discussed the topic of sustainability for their events as well. We followed the rest of the plan as well.

- Selin Elcheik: Were you guys able to save a lot of single use plastic that was bought for future years?
- Julia Horsmans: I would say so, yes.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Lucas Ehrlich. You were trying to move your accounting system. How was that going? Did you have any issues?
- Lucas Ehrlich: The basis has been laid. As of everything now there should not be any use of papers. I hope the 78th Board will be able to tell more about plans for bookkeeping.
- Kirsten Göbel: You are handing the birthday cards out but not a lot of people are coming by. A lot of people did not get the birthday cards. Maybe you can do an online card. Not giving them is also a waste of paper.
- Julia Horsmans: I agree.
- Demi Acquoy: Reply on bookkeeping. We were also hesitant. Lucas Ehrlich has been doing preparations for months.
- Dylan Ingelse: On the next slide it stays that the 77th Board will look into more sustainable merchandise.
- Julia Horsmans: Because of sustainability we did not make new merchandise. We stalled merchandise in the room to sell. It was not popular and we got some tips of what people would like to see.
- Selin Elcheik: Were you still able to sell old merchandise?
- Julia Horsmans: There were some things sold. Many people are sleeping comfortably in mens boxers.

Julia Horsmans presents Policy Continuation.

- Julia Horsmans: All blog posts are posted.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: When they were uploaded? Becoming interested in being Board, should the timing be a little bit earlier for Candidate Board?
- Julia Horsmans: I think the timing could be improved. They were too short after each other or too late in the year. I think it is still a good thing we did it.
- Ansīs van Schalen: Why were they late?
- Julia Horsmans: That is a mistake on my part. I lost track of the Policy Plan and did not make sure we did everything. This is a point that did not get the attention it should have gotten.

Julia Horsmans presents Committee Ten.

- Julia Horsmans: Followed as stated.

Julia Horsmans presents Health and Safety.

- Julia Horsmans: Followed as stated. The Social Safety plan has been voted in as you all know and has already been spread out during the Introduction Days.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Was it used or not? Was it helpful or not for you?
- Julia Horsmans: I personally was not in the situation where I needed to use it.

Julia Horsmans presents Flexibility for Events.

- Julia Horsmans: This has been followed as stated.
- Selin Elcheik: Do you find that this point renaming to events made a difference.
- Julia Horsmans: I think there was one committee where it applies which is Barcie.
- Kirsten Göbel: About GangBuurtjesBorrel. That was a Dutch name. A lot of internationals did not understand what it entailed. For that it has an influence. For Barcie it doesn't matter because you will say event anyway.

Julia Horsmans presents Promotion.

- Julia Horsmans: Followed as stated. We have done more than 10 lecture talks.

Julia Horsmans presents External.

- Julia Horsmans: We have gotten really close with both VIB and MFVU and organised a borrel together, which was a great success and we hope to see more of these kinds of events in the future.

Julia Horsmans presents Idea Box.

- Julia Horsmans: Followed as stated.

Julia Horsmans presents Frequently Asked Questions.

- Julia Horsmans: Followed as stated. We did not see the need to add any new questions.

7. Financial Statement 2023-2024

Lucas Ehrlich presents Income.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
Vu bookstore: still has to come in.
Bavaria: Same goes for bavaria.
Sponsorship: We have two pending payments that will make up the remaining amount.
Bank account interest: Still has to come in.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Board Activities.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
As of the last General Meeting there were still complications in administration with Bavaria. We now have the final numbers so these will have to be changed in budget.
Transition weekend: We went to Center Parcs.
Board drinks: We got shots for the last borrel but got 60 left over.
Mini events and emballage: There is still beer left over in kegs and roll containers which amount for the missing the money.
- Selin Elcheik: How is it that the current result for membership is higher than the virtual?
- Lucas Ehrlich: There was an underestimation of expected membership. We had two late members that signed up. That is why we have 50 euros more.
- Dylan Ingelse: Emballage. Beer usage. Over the holidays we found a few open kegs. Have not been used or were rarely used. I am not sure if it was a good thing to open them. Maybe only buy 20L for normal days and only use 50 for big events.
- Lucas Ehrlich: I think it is very good feedback. I advise you to not put on a keg before the holidays. Only put it on for events otherwise you will lose a lot of beer.
- Demi Acquoy: The virtual result of the closed needs to be the same as the current.
- Lucas Ehrlich: I will change it.
- Boaz Emanuels: What were you going to get for sponsorship?
- Lucas Ehrlich: We still have two sponsor deals open that need to be rounded off.
- Anaïs van Schalen: About sponsorship. Good job on still getting your budgeted amount of money without a Commissioner of External Contacts.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Committees.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
Actie: Still have one event.
Barcie: Have one event.
Chronicles: Finished.
Congrescie: Still has to happen.
Feestcie: Last event happened but still has open payments.
Illusie: Will still have Illusie weekend. But they have a great overview of finances.
LEX: Still has their excursion.

Pedcie: Has one final event.

Sportcie: Has one final event.

- Lotta Heijnen: Is it correct that the current result of Illusie is in plus?
- Lucas Ehrlich: Faculty declaration came in at the start of the year.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Board Expenses.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
General Meeting: Today's meeting still has to be processed.
General Board Meeting: The reimbursement for pizzas still has to be issued.
Fixed costs: Due to inflation these have gotten substantially higher. So, they will have to be changed in budget.
- Demi Acquoy: Porto print is still in plus. Do you have a plan to spend the money?
- Lucas Ehrlich: No we did not finish it. Last year most expenses went to stickers, posters and banners. This year we decided to spend way less.
- Demi Acquoy: Then you can close it.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Investments.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
Transaction costs: Due to increasing costs it will have to be changed in the budget.
Promotion: Is closed.
VSPVU-room: Is closed.
Member Initiative: No member initiative took place.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Active Member Rewards.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
General Board Meeting-outing: Is closed.
Route 77: Still has to be paid.
Active member clothing and extra rewards are closed.
- Lotta Heijnen: Why was their money not spent on promotion?
- Lucas Ehrlich: Good question. Just was not spent. A lot of missing posters.
- Lotta Heijnen: For the 78th Board, make sure you change it if you notice you are not spending money.
- Lucas Ehrlich: There will be a new banner ordered which means we have to reopen.
- Demi Acquoy: You left out on Committee Ten. Why?
- Lucas Ehrlich: There was a big decrease on Active members and committees. People were using it less. They were reminded of it multiple times.
- Demi Acquoy: Then there is a shame there was not money spent on Active members and external Boards. You can give gifts for Reiscie, or Wintersportcie.
- Julia Horsmans: I do not have an answer for you.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Maybe I can put the Kasco gifts there. I will look at it.
- Julia Horsmans: Thank you for pointing it out. It is a good idea to still spend money on it.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Maybe you can also spend porto print on a banner. I think banners are expensive.
- Lucas Ehrlich: We spent 50 euros on the banner for the convention.
- Edmond Agabekian: What happened to the gala investment?
- Lucas Ehrlich: Good point. It was voted in, but it is not on the financial statement. It is 700 euros.
- Edmond Agabekian: You can still put it in on an extra post.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Yes.
- Demi Acquoy: My work has a print shop and you only have to pay for material costs. Maybe it is worth it for the 78th Candidate Board to check it out for a deal or see if it is cheaper instead of DressMe. There is a waiting list but they do small batches. There is not a strict deadline. If you have time to wait it is really cheap.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Totals.

8. KasCo 2023-2024

- Demi Acquoy: Normally we are with three but Danique Pater could not be here. First we are going to explain what we are voting for today. We are checking the Treasurer with everything they are doing financially. Check receipts and binders. To see if everything is legal. We have been former Treasurers. We know what to expect. Now we are here to give advice on the responsibility of the 77th Board. If they can be led off the responsibility of the financial matters.
- Lotta Heijnen: If they are no longer responsible for all the finances. That is what discharge is.
- Demi Acquoy: If sponsorship money is not in yet and that can make or break a year. It sucks for the 78th Board to take over that responsibility. It just needs to be fixed by the Treasurer. Unfortunately we have to give negative advice at this moment. That is due to agreements not being made. We want to highlight that the 78th Board can start. We want to fix the whole situation in September. It will be a short term no discharge advice. You can make up your own mind. We have not made a conclusion on if the responsibility can be let go.
- Dylan Ingelse: So right now we vote based on your advice or can we debate?
- Demi Acquoy: It is your vote so you can decide. We were hired to give advice and our advice is negative.
- Julia Horsmans: What would be the consequences if everyone votes against or in favour?
- Demi Acquoy: Again, the 78th Board has to fix all the leftover problems. We cannot make an estimation if there is a problem. So short term negative advice. If something major is wrong, the 78th Board is responsible to fix it. If you go with our negative advice the 77th Board has to solve it before you can hand it over to the 78th Board. Everything up till today is responsible for the 77th Board and the rest is for the 78th Board.
- Anne Bruggink: If we vote against, the 77th Board has to fix it. Will there be another time to vote in favour?
- Demi Acquoy: Yes, in January because the Final Statement has to be presented anyway. There is no need for emergency voting since it is up until today. In January we can give another piece of advice.
- Anne Bruggink: So the voting will just be delayed. Is there a deadline?
- Demi Acquoy: Officially final statement before the first of March. It mainly happened in January so we keep that as a deadline. It will not last that long.
- Lucas Ehrlich: You mentioned that discharge is dependent on finances. I do not understand how we are voting on discharge as a whole when they completely did their duty. Are we voting on the whole Board?
- Lotta Heijnen: Yes, the whole Board.
- Lucas Ehrlich: There was not any reasoning besides complication in agreement. Can you elaborate?
- Demi Acquoy: Do you really want to do this here? Then I would like to have your perspective.
- Lucas Ehrlich: What is the issue in management planning? Otherwise I cannot respond.
- Demi Acquoy: The last Kasco check was in June. So that was the last time we checked. Up until now we do not have a clear overview on what happened after the first of May.
- Lucas Ehrlich: It depends on the binder.
- Demi Acquoy: We cannot give advice because we have not checked it all. We have tried to do checks but that did not happen. That is why we give negative advice. We decided not to go into it at the General Meeting because it is between us and the Board.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Wow, thank you! I'd like to take a moment to appreciate the feedback proposed by Kasco. It is introspection and critical feedback that drive progress, and I can only appreciate their words. However, I would like to offer a different perspective on this situation—not particularly for my own sake, as the formalities of a negative discharge would be minimal for me, but mainly for the rest of my Board, who have done an outstanding job over the past 12 months and deserve better. In my defence for a positive discharge, I'd like to present two practical initiatives we implemented during the 77th Board year that are already having a positive impact. First, we initiated the transition to online bookkeeping. It was surprising to discover that most associations already do all their bookkeeping online, whereas we did not. I'm excited to share that we've laid

the groundwork for VSPVU to move to online bookkeeping. A big thanks to the rest of the Board for scanning documents and to my successor for brainstorming the most optimal system. With a little fine-tuning, Kasco checks will be online, which will help prevent issues like the ones we're discussing today. Now, I realise that online paperwork might not be what everyone is here for today, so let me take you back to June's General Meeting 4—a long and intense meeting, but one that saw much-needed progress. During this General Meeting, we made our first attempt to utilise the savings the association had built up. After extensive discussion and debate, you—the members—placed a vote of confidence in what I believed was the right way to allocate those funds, and the vote passed in favour. While the results of that vote don't directly benefit our Board, they benefit the 78th Board and the overall progress of the association. That alone puts a big smile on my face. The 78th Board has already surpassed the total number of members 76 achieved and accounts for a 35% increase in new members compared to the 77th and 76th Boards at this current timestamp. The Burger Bash organised by Illusie—THANK YOU, ILLUSIE—brought in 55 new members during the in-person sign ups alone, without counting the days to the event, significantly boosting the association's visibility and interest. In addition to the reduced membership price and the Burger Bash, I'm happy to announce that we have an upcoming event aimed at attracting new students and potential future members. The next Barcie will feature 100 litres of free beer for members, as voted for during the previous General Meeting as part of the savings plan. Both the Burger Bash and the upcoming Barcie stem from the savings plan you approved in June. With a current 35% increase in membership, I'm confident we'll reach 50% once the Barcie takes place. I don't enjoy having to recount all these stories about the work we've done, but considering everything the 77th Board has accomplished—a voted-in social safety plan, savings plan, student confidants, the return of Reiscie, the transition to online bookkeeping, and creating a turning point in interest and membership for the association since COVID—I dare say that a negative discharge would be one of the most hypocritical decisions the VSPVU has seen.

- Demi Acquoy: Thanks for your explanation. I am sorry you have the idea that we think you did not do your work well. You have had a good year. Great to hear the 78th Board is doing well with the members. We are here to give an overview of how it is now. We have not checked the whole administration so we cannot do that. Everything that happens from now on is kind of the responsibility of the 78th Board and their Kasco. We have not checked it all and that is the reason for the negative advice. Not because you did not do your work.
- Lotta Heijnen: It also means that we still have to do that check.
- Demi Acquoy: And we are planning on doing that in September.
- Lotta Heijnen: We check and think everything will be okay.
- Edmond Agabekian: I totally get your disappointment. If you look at previous years there were mistakes. I think you are missing the point. Bookkeeping is never perfect. It is always a grey area. But if you are approving something without checking, it has been approved. An accountant cannot approve something they have not seen. It is a fraud. even if it is bad it can still get approved.
- Lucas Ehrlich: While I believe that offence may not always be the best approach to defence, I think it's important to highlight some previous cases of discharge for context. The 75th Board received a positive discharge with a vote of 28 in favour, 41 neutral, and 1 negative. Unfortunately, I wasn't present to understand the situation at that time, but two years later, I had to account for unfinished business—a gap in finances amounting to 16,000 euros spread across various faculty posts. The 76th Board also received a positive discharge, with 19 in favour and 1 neutral vote. I have nothing but appreciation for Lotta Heijnen, who taught me everything she knew and showed immense patience during my learning curve. I wouldn't be standing here without her, so thank you, Lotta Heijnen. However, similar to the 75th Board, there was a gap of 16,000 euros in funds related to faculty posts, and an additional 3,500 euros were missing from a collaboration with the company Athena. Furthermore, the money from our beer sponsor Bavaria was also unaccounted for. Despite these discrepancies, they received a positive discharge, along with positive advice from the same people in Kasco who are now recommending a negative discharge for my Board. I don't believe it's appropriate to point fingers or dissect the causes of these financial gaps, but in total, they accounted for 38,000 euros missing at the start of the 77th Board year—about 50% of the association's funds. If we now compare this to the arguments

used by Kasco to defend negative discharge advice. They state the cause to be not being able to check the entirety of the bookkeeping leaving +-15% to be checked. While it is custom that every year the board gets discharged in September even when the bookkeeping for the remaining events still has to take place. This is normally in and around 10%. In conclusion a claim is being made that we as a Board have not done our tasks over a difference of 5% in bookkeeping. How can these problems be smaller than a 5% bookkeeping, while there is still a 10% that never gets checked.

- Edmond Agabekian: It is a problem and we are students so we are not the best at bookkeeping. There will be mistakes but we learn from them. I get your frustration. Your bookkeeping is probably good but it has to be checked. It is probably better than last year but it has to be checked.
- Lucas Ehrlich: The last 15% has not been checked. For last year it gets checked after.
- Demi Acquoy: That is why we have been in a trio Kasco. So we can check Lotta Heijnen's documents. I get that it feels weird but that is why the final Financial Statement is in January. So you cover all of that.
- Edmond Agabekian: Kasco helps the Board and another Kasco helps the 78th Board. The whole bookkeeping is checked by two KasCo's. This is only for the 77th Board. And the 78th Board will approve the next part. This is more advice for the part you have done in your year.
- Lucas Ehrlich: I still struggle to understand how 5% not being checked is more relevant than 40.000 euros missing. As the advice was given by the same people.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: I think it comes down to why the checkup was not made? Every Kasco checks it. Currently Kasco does not have an understanding. Every time before that we had a Kasco check before the General Meeting. Why did the Kasco check not happen?
- Demi Acquoy: We tried to schedule during the summer. Half of July we realised we did not have much time. We booked two dates to check. Those dates were not made. Not by us but I want to keep it in the middle of what happened. I also could not be there. But Danique Pater and Lotta Heijnen were. It got postponed. That is why we did not check everything.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Kasco states two days were cancelled by me afterwards. This is wrong. Kasco states 2 dates were implemented for a check and both were cancelled by the treasurer. Sadly this is straight up wrong. Check number 1 was dated 24th of august saturday. Friday 23rd at around 2pm the day before the check it was communicated from my side that I couldn't access my laptop until monday and thus couldn't prepare the final pieces of bookkeeping. Nonetheless I had my pieces shipped over the weekend for my laptop and spent my whole Sunday evening working until everything was done on Sunday 25th at 10pm. I communicated the bookkeeping was done. And that I was willing to bring my access pass to wherever needed so that up until the General Meeting today, September 4 Kasco would have the time to freely plan when they'd like to check the remaining bookkeeping. 10 days of no reply, to my alternative solution.
- Lotta Heijnen: I do not think it is important to go into detail. We can argue about it. It did not matter.
- Lucas Ehrlich: It was asked and you are telling lies.
- Lotta Heijnen: This is our advice and you can make up your own mind about it.
- Edmond Agabekian: We went a bit too much into details. The bullet point is it is necessary for the 5% to still be checked. If you approve and discharge that does not have to be checked. If you discharge now, Kasco does not even have to check the statement anymore. you are basically saying no Kasco check anymore. There has to be.
- Anne Bruggink: I have a question. The last discharges of the other Boards. Were they not checked or was something wrong with it? If it was a different situation then I would get it.
- Lucas Ehrlich: The main problem is financial gaps which I think is more relevant than missing bookkeeping. There was also missing bookkeeping.
- Anne Bruggink: Did they receive a positive from the voting or the Kasco?
- Lucas Ehrlich: I think we should just vote. We will still finish bookkeeping and checks. I will be there for all the tasks until January independent of the discharge.
- Anaïs van Schalen: I want to say all of this is just about what is best for the association. It is not a personal attack to any of the Board. Just vote what you think is best for the association.

- Žygimantas Pupelis: If the discharge happens. That means the 78th Board takes all the liability if bookkeeping is not done correctly?
- Lucas Ehrlich: yes.

9. Voting

Julia Horsmans explains the voting procedure.

Discharge of the 77th Board:

- In favour: 9
- Neutral: 9
- Against: 17

Julia Horsmans thanks the 77th Board and welcomes the 78th Board.

10. Policy Plan 2024-2025

- Dylan Ingelse: We thank you for being here. And I want to thank the 77th Board for the year and the guidance we have gotten from you. We are going to start our year now.

Dylan Ingelse presents the Policy Plan, by reading everything aloud.

Dylan Ingelse presents Preface.

- Laura Kirin: We are missing some commas.
- Edmond Agabekian: Can you please mail for grammatical mistakes, they take a long time.
- Selin Elcheik: As well as spelling.

Dylan Ingelse presents Introduction.

Dylan Ingelse presents Current State of Affairs.

Dylan Ingelse presents Policy Plan.

Dylan Ingelse presents Committee Development.

- Kirsten Göbel: Why did you change Barcie from four events with an extra to three events with an extra?
- Dylan Ingelse: Due to other committees changing their events. That is why we decided to go to three instead of four.
- Kirsten Göbel: Barcies are the events that do best and where people connect. For example Actie is way harder to find people to attend.
- Dylan Ingelse: We decided to give Actie an extra event because we are scraping Sportcie. Sportcie has potential so that is why we gave Actie an extra event.
- Mandy Schunselaar: It is minus four for Sportcie and then plus one for the Actie. I do not know why you are lowering this, if there are no more committees with events coming in.
- Mabel van Gent: I believe that last year we had the Beercantus as a Barcie and this year we want to do this as a Board, so that is why we gave Barcie one less event.
- Edmond Agabekian: I get where Kirsten Göbel is coming from, because she is right that Barcie is an event where you can get new members. Instead of decreasing you should actually increase this. Barcies are like the heart of the association, so it would be nice if you do these events.
- Dylan Ingelse: I get what you mean, but I think I am going to respond to other comments first.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: If Sportcie seemed unsuccessful, it seems as if there is a trade off between Actie, Sportcie and Barcie. Adding an event to Actie which is most likely going to be unsuccessful, I think the trade off is not there.
- Dylan Ingelse: I see what you mean. When discussing this, we saw the potential of Sportcie, but we thought the dates of sportcie were not convenient. We thought the potential was there, but we could continue this in the policy plan, but we do want to keep a sport related activity in the programme.

- Boaz Emanuels: If you look at other associations to use them as a benchmark, they have borrels that are similar to Barcie events, but they are way more frequent. So do not lower it, but get more Barcies.
- Gracjan Bozykowski: Barcie does make the most money and gets the most people, wouldn't it be smart to not limit the events, so they can have freedom in organising their event. Maybe even without the Board promoting this and making it a bigger committee, so the Board does not have to like keep them in check so much.
- Dylan Ingelse: I think this could be a good idea, but this is not feasible because of the year schedule, we have more events with drinks in the week, so maybe people will not join as much. Also non-alcohol related events are conflicting.
- Esmee Blankers: To Žygimantas Pupelis, adding an extra event for Actie is fine because there are also non-competitive events. Also I think an extra event for Actie is not a big problem because you can easily squeeze this in the year schedule. You cannot squeeze a borrel in this as easily. Second comment, at least three, but we are aiming for four, and in the year schedule there are also four events, so why not say you want four events.
- Kirsten Göbel: We are having a discussion because in the yearschedule there are five.
- Dylan Ingelse: We can change three to four then.
- Mandy Schunselaar: I think it is perfect to change into more events. Do not say one extra event, but change to an additional event, so they can have more if they want to.
- Dylan Ingelse: So we change it into at least four and then say additional instead of one additional.
- Mandy Schunselaar: Extra events are already in the year schedule as well. So we need to remove this.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Looking at the amount of feedback, look at a way to get another event in. You are here for the needs of the VSPVU people.
- Dylan Ingelse: Confusion came from the wording, that is why this discussion happened.
- Selin Elcheik: Usually if you plan for this event, but there is room for another event, it is not normal that this event is already planned in the calendar, so change this. If you say at least three, then plan in three instead of five right now.
- Dylan Ingelse: We were told that when we have an additional event in the year, we have to have this in the year schedule so we do not run into problems later in the year.
- Esmee Blankers: In the yearschedule you can write 'room for extra event'.
- Kirsten Göbel: To Žygimantas Pupelis, five Barcies is more than enough, because it is stressful as it is. Planning can be quite hard, so I think five is manageable.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: To Boaz Emanuels comment. Looking at our neighbours VIB and MF-VU, they do have the engagement and they organise a borrel every Wednesday. It is not very big every week. Their member count is a bit bigger, but I think having a bigger Barcie with less preparation would be nice for in the future.
- Dylan Ingelse: About this, we do have a session on this on having more frequent but smaller drinks, but this is board and not Barcie.
- Rohit Soebdhan: VIB and MF-VU have a Wednesday committee.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: It would be nice to have a bigger Barcie. So even without a Board having the room open longer would be nice.
- Dylan Ingelse: We cannot do this, we need a Board member in the room all the time.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: You still have time to do anything.
- Dylan Ingelse: Later in the policy plan we have something about this, so we are going to keep this for them.
- Sanne Davidse: I was looking at the year schedule, for 2024-2025, but I cannot see Illusieweekend 2025.
- Mabel van Gent: We need to add this, thank you for your comment.
- Anne Bruggink: We did a small addition to Feestcie, it now states something else. Reads from updated policy plan.
- Melissa Sier: Maybe you told us but then I forgot. What was the reason for three Feestcies?
- Dylan Ingelse: Kind of the same with Barcie, we think Feestcie can be the heart of the association, so we want to do this more often, and not just Introduction Days and gala.
- Melissa Sier: You were from Feestcie, do you think this is manageable?

- Dylan Ingelse: I think it is, especially since in my year most problems came from the budget, the locations were expensive, but last year and this year there are investments being made so there are less problems with Feestcie.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Why did you reduce the amount of LEX events? Usually it is four.
- Dylan Ingelse: There is also four in the year schedule, so again the wording.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: I would recommend the wording because we said the VSPVU is lacking educational events. So I would say thriving for four and failing one is less bad than setting the bar lower.
- Dylan Ingelse: We will change this. Now we are going to speak about Piccie.
- Isa Witteman: Like the idea, maybe not only have a chair but another position, this way you can ensure uploading pictures instead of everyone doing the same thing. Like a Promotion Coordinator but then more internal.
- Dylan Ingelse: Good idea, it should be a Promotion Coordinator keeping in line with VSPVU guidelines.
- Selin Elcheik: I love the idea and it is very cool. I like a committee with a lot of people, it was an issue last year when the Balie got cancelled.
- Kirsten Göbel: Awesome idea, why did you guys decide on a maximum active members of 14, because Balie had more?
- Dylan Ingelse: It is because of how many events we have and the members have to be scheduled at. Now it is one in seven events.
- Kirsten Göbel: You're saying two spots will be reserved, so two members will go.
- Dylan Ingelse: The Chair will schedule which members need to be attending the event. We choose two because we want people to change the camera between them two.
- Kirsten Göbel: For example there is a Barcie and two people from Piccie are attending. One of us wants to take pictures but my 'camera switcher' does not want to take pictures, is that allowed?
- Dylan Ingelse: Yes it is okay if only one person takes pictures, however a lot of events can last long, so we wanted to have the possibility of switching the camera.
- Kirsten Göbel: I do not like the maximum amount of 14 members because there are more than 14 people wanting to be part of the Piccie, because this is a more lowkey committee.
- Dylan Ingelse: If the Piccie becomes too big, we do not have enough Active Members for the other committees. So it is also a trade off with other committees.
- Kirsten Göbel: Since this is a pilot committee, I am confused why you would limit yourself. If there is applications coming in, why limit yourself to only 14. Also for internationals that are only here for a short time, this could be a good committee.
- Dylan Ingelse: With pilot committees it is important to have as much information as possible written down. We have to set certain boundaries, so the committee will work as well as possible in our opinion. Also the big problem of other committees not gaining members anymore. This is a thing we have said now we will continue.
- Kirsten Göbel: It says excluding all trips, is this also Active Member Weekend?
- Dylan Ingelse: All trips, so also Active Member Weekend, because this might be a danger to the camera.
- Kirsten Göbel: State this more clearly in the Policy Plan please.
- Mandy Schunselaar: I think 20 people also might be too much. Throughout the whole period they had four hours of work. If you have a Piccie of 20 people, there is a chance you might do not do anything. It does not feel fair to the other committees as well.
- Julia Horsmans: Confusion about the sentence, what do you mean with the members? All the members or the assigned members?
- Dylan Ingelse: All Piccie members, so to ensure everyone is on board with the schedule the Chair made.
- Julia Horsmans: The way it is worded right now, you say you want all the 14 members to be there instead of the two you reserved tickets for.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: About the sober part, how are you going to make sure responsible members are going to stay sober and what would happen if someone damages the camera?

- Dylan Ingelse: Like stated in the second paragraph, responsible members need to sign a liability form. This also states you need to be sober, so when you are not you are responsible for the damages.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: What would be the repercussions and what is the difference between one beer and multiple beers. And how can someone prove if it is self inflicted damage or accidental damage, there can be a very close line.
- Dylan Ingelse: There are almost always other people around. And self inflicted damage to the camera is more like wrestling while having the camera, or something obvious like that. Accidental is more like someone bumping into you. There is no difference between one drink or multiple drinks, no drinking is no drinking. We have not spoken about the repercussions yet. Do you think we need to put them in the policy plan or just in the liability form.
- Mandy Schunselaar: Only the liability form.
- Gracjan Bozykowski: How are you going to handle the budget if the camera breaks four or five times a year?
- Dylan Ingelse: We have not thought about the camera being broken multiple times in a row. It is a pilot committee, so if we think it is not feasible, we can change this and we might have to pull the plug.
- Esmee Blankers: I do not think the camera is insured, but look into this.
- Selin Elcheik: Piccie members that are not in the schedule can still attend with a regular ticket right?
- Dylan Ingelse: Yes they can.
- Selin Elcheik: It would be good to write out if something happens with the camera. So the liability waiver might scare people and they will not drink anyways. Also the member amount does make a lot of sense.
- Laura Kirin: I want to ask who is going to take photos on the trips?
- Dylan Ingelse: Board is going to take these pictures. Piccie is going to take over the task of Commissioner of Communication and Media, Isabel Bartelds. It is supposed to be a Board task, so when Piccie is not there, the Board will do this. The Piccie will be taking away a task from the Commissioner of Communication and Media, but we think we can fill this up with other tasks, for example during the event itself instead of taking pictures for the website.
- Gracjan Bozykowski: Taking pictures is one thing, what about editing them?
- Dylan Ingelse: Board does the editing, because we need to see if they are viable for our website, since we are responsible for the pictures posted everywhere.
- Kirsten Göbel: I noticed during the Introduction Days, the camera already has malfunctions. So in the liability waiver write down what the damages of the camera already are. And maybe after each event, the member responsible for the camera can hand the camera and the waiver in to Isabel Bartelds and Isabel Bartelds can sign when the camera is handed in again, so we can check when there is someone that used the camera and handed the camera in again.
- Dylan Ingelse: We will do this.
- Isa Witteman: In terms of sustainability, have you thought about making the waiver digital?
- Dylan Ingelse: We will discuss this because of the signatures. Not all devices are able to have a digital signature.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Suggestion after Gracjan Bozykowski, in case you need Piccie members to do more, you can actually let them edit the pictures for Chronicles for example. Chair of Chronicles picks them out and the member that shot the picture can edit this. This can up the engagement of the members of the Piccie.
- Dylan Ingelse: Good idea, but we do need to have a Board member to check in the end.
- Anaïs van Schalen: The Chronicles exclusives will be seen by Isabel Bartelds in the Google Drive.
- Gracjan Bożykowski: Before they start doing important pictures, make them practice with less important pictures.
- Dylan Ingelse: We can do this with the ones that are not being posted.

Dylan presents Members.

- Esmee Blankers: How do you think it is going with the membercount with the members from the Introduction Days?

- Dylan Ingelse: As of right now we have 170 bachelor members. This is already more members compared to the last five Boards got in the entire academic year. We are still seeing new members coming in and we have planned more lecture talks. We also have 14 more master members.
- Esmee Blankers: The yearly contribution students, 735 is a bit high I think, what is this number based on?
- Dylan Ingelse: This is the newest database.
- Esmee Blankers: Not really with the members that are not going to stay a member? Are these going to be taken into account?
- Dylan Ingelse: We wrote this before the 'stay a member' email got out and we forgot to account for the deadline of the 28th of October.
- Esmee Blankers: Right now, there are already more than 70 people that said they do not want to stay a member. So check this out.
- Gracjan Bozykowski: With members leaving and members getting in, how do you plan on getting 240 additional bachelor members and 30 additional master members?
- Dylan Ingelse: Members leaving are not accounted for in this number. As of now we need 70 more bachelors and 16 more master members. Tomorrow we have the 'Meet the Committees', and we have lecture talks coming up and there is an upcoming first year event that we hope will attract more first years.
- Gracjan Bozykowski: Have you also thought about a referral method for new members?
- Dylan Ingelse: We need to think about this, so we are not going to put that in the Policy Plan tonight.
- Gracjan Bozykowski: Have you thought about partnerships?
- Dylan Ingelse: Yes, we have been in contact with companies, but are not ready to reveal them yet.

Dylan Ingelse presents Involvement and Events.

Dylan Ingelse presents Room Opening Hours.

Dylan Ingelse presents General Meeting Attendance.

- Anaïs van Schalen: The 77th Board evaluated General Meeting bingo as not effective, or not as effective as they would have liked this to be. So I am wondering how the 78th Board is thinking to have this be more effective in the coming year?
- Dylan Ingelse: We are going to continue with the General Meeting bingo, but it is going to be another game. We are going to use words that are commonly said in the General Meeting. We saw that the General Meeting bingo sometimes can be a bit disruptive, so we will use a riddle.
- Anaïs van Schalen: You were comparing to the MF-VU and VIB, during our 76th Board, their members were way more engaged than our members, so is it fair to compare yourself to them? Also my question was not answered. Why are members going to come to the General Meeting?
- Dylan Ingelse: This is not General Meeting attendance, but engagement. We see members engaging less during General Meetings, so we want more members to be engaged when they are here, and then we will tackle the problem of members coming to the General Meeting. Also with the General Meeting riddle, members have to pay attention to what the Board is saying and not just what the Board is doing.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Then I am wondering, how are you going to increase more members coming to General Meetings?
- Dylan Ingelse: We have plans for this at the moment, but they are not in the Policy Plan.

Dylan Ingelse presents Speelkwartier (Recess).

- Kirsten Göbel: Why would you continue recess even though the 77th Board said it was not a good idea?
- Dylan Ingelse: The recess of the 77th Board was on Friday, Events on Friday are not well attended. We are moving recess to Wednesday, also to stay in the borrel culture. And we are adding mini themes with a low effort. Also, we said to assess Speelkwartier (recess) soon, so we have thought about this.
- Kirsten Göbel: If you are going to do mini-themed events, are you going to buy decorations? Also if there are more planned themed events, then we have less possibilities for bigger events. For people that are long in this association, you have less themes available.
- Dylan Ingelse: We use mini-themes for a lack of better words. So we will not be buying decorations, we would reuse them when needed. Our plan was to not use themes as borrel #0, but more small activities.

- Gracjan Bozykowski: Is recess like what you mentioned earlier in the General Meeting, the weekly events hosted by the Board?
- Dylan Ingelse: Yes, we thought it would be good to have more activities on Wednesdays like our neighbours, VIB and MF-VU.
- Gracjan Bozykowski: Are you willing to do more experimenting with the hours surrounding speelkwartier (recess), or is this more of doing the same thing on the same day every week?
- Dylan Ingelse: We have not thought about this, but we can try this out during the year.
- Mandy Schunselaar: Why is it from 15.00 until 16.00 if the room is open until 17.00?
- Dylan Ingelse: Because then there is room for extension and cleaning up afterwards, but we are willing to experiment with this.
- Mandy Schunselaar: Will there be promotion for this every week?
- Dylan Ingelse: Yes, when we host recess (speelkwartier) we will promote this, also because of the mini-themes.
- Julia Horsmans: Is there a reason to keep the name speelkwartier in here? Because I think recess is more known, also for international students?
- Dylan Ingelse: We thought it was a funny name, and we use both speelkwartier and recess.
- Selin Elcheik: Is it a semi-live counter because this is on the tv and you will update this every once in a while?
- Dylan Ingelse: Yes.
- Laura Kirin: I like the semi-live counter and the bonus points.
- Gracjan Bozykowski: This is going to be streamed on the tv in the room, are you also going to do this on the website?
- Dylan Ingelse: We will do this on a different part of the website, so the Active Members can see this
- Esmee Blankers: If you do the point system like this, the committees with less points lose motivation, so maybe do a start fresh each General Board Meeting, but it seems you decided against it?
- Dylan Ingelse: We decided this because of the semi-live point counter, otherwise only three committees will have points and the other 11 committees will see zero on the semi-live counter.
- Esmee Blankers: Fair, but have you thought about motivating the ones having not a lot of points.
- Dylan Ingelse: That is why we have the bonus points every General Board Meeting.
- Esmee Blankers: Just think about this.

Dylan Ingelse presents Member Initiative.

Dylan Ingelse presents Master's Event/Borrel.

- Laura Kirin: So the 77th Board decided that speelkwartier (recess) was not feasible and you did not skip that, but you are going to skip the Master's Event?
- Dylan Ingelse: Master's Event borrel has not been successful during the last year, but also the years before this. Speelkwartier (recess) is a new concept, introduced by the 77th Board, and it only has had one chance. So we want to give it a second chance.
- Selin Elcheik: In my 75th Board year, which was a slow year, we had a Master's Event that was pretty popular and a lot of people became member after that, considering you want to give recess another chance, i think a Master's Event can also use a second chance. It is not because Master's are not engaged in the VSPVU.
- Dylan Ingelse: During the 77th Board, we know the Master's Event was promoted late and not via lecture talks. As far as I know, we decided against this also because we have speelkwartier (recess) and this will add a lot of borrels on Wednesdays and we know Wednesday is the best day for the borrel. However we can dedicate one speelkwartier (recess) to Master's and have an emphasis on them.
- Julia Horsmans: You kind of already answered, but if you do not do a Master's Event, which would be a shame because we have heard people saying 'if we knew earlier we would have been there'. Are you going to try and get Master's also outside of this one speelkwartier (recess)? Do you want to get more Master's in the room?
- Dylan Ingelse: We have not thought about any other events. But thinking from the top of my head I am thinking about the Career Days, right now it is about the companies there, but we are also a company, so we can try to make ourselves more known at the Career Days as well.

- Laura Kirin: I personally do not think the 77th Board Master's event was unsuccessful. I wanted to ask if it is good to replace the event for the Master's outside of the speelkwartier (recess)? Making a speelkwartier (recess) about them makes them seem like an afterthought.
- Dylan Ingelse: Good point, we could give them speelkwartier (recess) but also make it more elaborate. Not a 15.00 until 16.00 event with a mini-theme but bigger, so it is more attractive for Master's to come to, so the Master's do feel appreciated.
- Laura Kirin: There was a mention during General Meeting #3, where we could have a Battle of the Masters?
- Dylan Ingelse: Between different Master courses then? I think it is a fun idea, but I do not think it is possible for the VSPVU, because we do not have a lot of Masterstudents. During the introductory the lecture talks, not all the Masterstudents were even there. I do not think this is feasible and some Master courses are bigger than others, so it can put other Masterstudents in a disadvantage.
- Laura Kirin: I did not mean it to attract Masterstudents, but Masterstudents that are already here.
- Dylan Ingelse: I still do not think this would work. Because if the Masterstudents are not showing up to the Vrije Universiteit Information Days, I do not think they will be going to our events. Also it would be hard to put out a point system for Battle of the Masters. We cannot give everyone a fair point system.
- Mandy Schunselaar: Battle of the Masters would be nice, but a lot of Masterstudents are busy with jobs, internships and school, and are not going to show up, but it would be nice to have a Master's Event. Last year, if the promotion was sent out earlier more people would have wanted to come. But even like a Tosti Tuesday for the Masterstudents, like Master Muffin Monday, it can be something small during lunch hours, it does not need to be a borrel.
- Dylan Ingelse: We are going to do a Master's Event, but we will not put it in the year schedule as we speak.
- Gracjan Bozykowski: I think Masterstudents not showing up is not a good benchmark, because social events where you can meet new people are much more attended compared to the Information Days, when you can get most of the information online nowadays.
- Dylan Ingelse: Fair point, but with Masterstudents being numerus fixus, it would still not be a lot of students.
- Isa Witteman: Will you also have a 'Welcome to Amsterdam' which we have had for the last few years?
- Dylan Ingelse: Yes.

Dylan Ingelse presents Dominate 78.

Dylan Ingelse presents Firstyears.

- Dylan Ingelse: We are going to host an event where we can help the first students with tips for a lot of things. Such as housing, studying and getting used to university.
- Esmee Blankers: Have you planned a date for this?
- Dylan Ingelse: No, but we want to plan this most in line with the lecture talks.
- Julia Horsmans: You might not have an answer now, but you are going to talk about broad things, how are you going to set this up? From your own experiences?
- Dylan Ingelse: We have thought about this, and we also plan going to university, the faculty and the hostesses for tips. We are not getting into the contents of the studies, just tips on university life in general.
- Anaïs van Schalen: I like it.

Dylan Ingelse presents Promotion.

- Anaïs van Schalen: What do you mean with corporate identity?
- Dylan Ingelse: We mean VSPVU corporate identity. We will change this.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Two different categories of social media platforms, that will be more updated frequently? Where does TikTok qualify?
- Dylan Ingelse: TikTok falls more towards Instagram, but creating a TikTok every week is hard, so we will try to do this as much as possible.
- Esmee Blankers: You got rid of FaceBook, but Instagram and FaceBook are linked so why did you do this?
- Dylan Ingelse: It is very easy to update, however we notice that the interaction with FaceBook is bad, also towards companies we want to have sponsorships with. Why would they want us to promote them when they see people not interacting with us?

- Anaïs van Schalen: Are you changing promotion packages with TikTok?
- Anne Bruggink: Yes we have. The price for a TikTok video is the same as a FaceBook post was before, because I removed FaceBook and added TikTok. If we have to make the TikTok it will be more expensive compared to when they deliver the TikTok by themselves.
- Dylan Ingelse: We have seen our TikTok videos during the Introduction Days going viral.
- Kirsten Göbel: TikTok works on an algorithm, people that like the posts are not the per se the people coming to your events. Can we promote TikTok on instagram so more people will follow us?
- Isabel Bartelds: We recently posted a TikTok video, I put in the hashtags. and I think it is a fair point on promoting our TikTok on instagram.
- Esmee Blankers: You wrote that we will redo the current template, but I have seen a lot of different templates already, are you making it free form or more different templates?
- Dylan Ingelse: We are working with free style right now, but we will see what works and make that a standard template. So more of a baseline instead of the template now.
- Esmee Blankers: Okay, but maybe reword it differently.
- Dylan Ingelse: We can change template to guideline.
- Kirsten Göbel: You are only going to do first and second year and not third year lecture talks as well?
- Dylan Ingelse: They have seen the first and second year lecture talks, and are leaving university, so it would not be time-cost effective. I see we missed Master lecture talks, we are going to write this down because we also already did this.
- Julia Horsmans: Are you going to keep the same ideabox as now? Because it is heavy and if you want to put it more central, then you should probably hang this up on the wall. What is your vision on this?
- Dylan Ingelse: We have not really spoken about this, but we are probably able to get a new ideabox and make it easier to get the ideas out of the box.
- Selin Elcheik: Did we already renew the poster template this year?
- Isa Witteman: I did not, but I worked together with Isabel Bartelds and we have changed some things.
- Selin Elcheik: The 78th Board will redo the posters and the rest of the sentence is weird, so either use different words or be more concrete. If you will not be printing posters, then what would you do with the walls?
- Dylan Ingelse: We are changing the Policy Plan as we speak. For the empty wall, we have thought about this and there will be an event that will help make the wall less ugly.
- Selin Elcheik: You can keep the lecture talks the way it is, at least 12 and if you think it is a good idea for the third year students you can do this as well, because this is a minimum requirement.
- Mandy Schunselaar: Are you still making the posters for the committees, or are they doing this by themselves?
- Dylan Ingelse: We are going to do this ourselves.
- Esmee Blankers: 12 lecture talks, does this include the ones you did during Introduction Days or not?
- Dylan Ingelse: It is from 26 August 2024 onwards. Not the ones from Introduction Days. On Thursday and Friday there were two lecture talks outside of the Introduction Days and we do count them.
- Laura Toledo: Is the ideabox online already? Maybe besides an ideabox also a feedback 'box'.
- Dylan Ingelse: This can also be done in the ideabox.
- Laura Toledo: Please make it more visible on the website.
- Dylan Ingelse: We are going to put this in the linktree on the website and our Instagram. Also the ideabox might be changing, so the ideabox will be more accessible.
- Julia Horsmans: You are going to continue selling merchandise, something new or old stuff?
- Dylan Ingelse: Since we have a lot of merchandise left, we do not think we need more. However we do have plans like displaying merchandise with prices on the tv and some other ideas. Because I think a lot of members do not know we have merchandise.
- Esmee Blankers: There is still a lot of merchandise, but it is 90% underwear, so there is not a lot more. Everyone that wants underwear probably already has a pair. I think it is a good idea to think of new merchandise. Maybe think about doing something new.
- Dylan Ingelse: Good idea, but have you seen our socks already?

- Isa Witteman: Idea for sustainable merchandise, like a water bottle but not Dopper, because they cannot go in the dishwasher.
- Anaïs van Schalen: If you want to get rid of the merchandise, you can make some kind of package to sell it as new merchandise.
- Gracjan Bozykowski: When you get rid of the underwear and socks, you can try and engage with the members to design merchandise as an event or a poll on the website.
- Dylan Ingelse: We like this, we will see if we can implement this this year.
- Esmee Blankers: Underwear is a famous Constitutional Borrel gift.

Dylan Ingelse presents Heat=Ith & Safety.

- Anaïs van Schalen: What do you mean by making it easier to spot who has the sober shift?
- Dylan Ingelse: We saw in other associations that they have a fun attribute so members know who has sober shift.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Is there anything else you are going to make more practical? I feel like there are more important things than just making the sober shift more visual in the Social Safety Plan that also need to be more concrete. This is an easy thing, so maybe some more complicated or important things.
- Dylan Ingelse: The Social Safety Plan has not been voted in for long, so we do not know what the difficulties are, if we encounter them we can see how or what.

Dylan Ingelse presents Policy Continuation.

- Julia Horsmans: Small advice, please get an official statiegeld bin. It needs to be recognizable, sometimes the cleaners throw these out by accident.
- Dylan Ingelse Thanks for the comment.
- Esmee Blankers: Last sentence of subsection Sustainability is very vague, what do you mean with this? It does not hold you accountable.
- Dylan Ingelse: In the start of this paragraph we stated that we will continue with the 77th Board's plans and directives. With committees looking into sustainability, and the last sentence is more for new things we can think of this year. Realistic and practical are more meant to not be hindered by sustainability. If we cannot think about a sustainable way to organise an event, we do want to have the event.
- Esmee Blankers: I get that, but the last sentence still does not make sense, and you should rewrite it.
- Julia Horsmans: When we were evaluating our policy plan, there was a comment on birthday cards online, have you talked about this?
- Dylan Ingelse: We think our members will feel more valued with an actual card and not an online card.
- Mandy Schunselaar: Instead of paper cards you can also do a personalised video. The Boardmembers on roomshift can make the video, it does not take up too much time.
- Dylan Ingelse: Very nice idea, we will speak about this.
- Esmee Blankers: I would still say rephrase the weird sentence and move the part of the agenda.
- Dylan Ingelse: We will look into new ways.
- Isa: You say at least seven General Board Meetings, but I do not think you need more. Maybe put the at least at the General Meeting and not the General Board Meeting.
- Dylan Ingelse: If there is an extra General Meeting it would be called an emergency General Meeting and not a normal General Meeting.
- Julia Horsmans: What do you mean with the last sentence? Do you imply that committees are going to use the member opinion?
- Dylan Ingelse: Committees can come up with polls or questions, we see if they are necessary and if they are useful and then we post it on Instagram.
- Esmee Blankers: As a Board you approve everything, so take this out of your Policy Plan.
- Isa Witteman: You say you want to provide tea and snacks at each study session. How would you do this when your study session is held at Initium?
- Dylan Ingelse: With thermo cans.
- Esmee Blankers: To avoid them being at Initium, request them for the whole year now.

- Dylan Ingelse: Thanks for the advice.
- Selin Elcheik: Unless you are going to for sure provide lemonade, change it to drinks and snacks instead.
- Gracjan Bozykowski: Nice to have coffee and stuff, great idea, but I hope it is not going to be made in your coffee machine at the moment.
- Julia Horsmans: Just a remark, rewrite the last sentence, not only the items added there, but make it more open. The second sentence is confusing, the word 'as' seems out of place. The last sentence, how are you going to check in with the committee members?
- Dylan Ingelse: With the contact person of their own committee.

Dylan Ingelse states Epilogue.

- Esmee Blankers: Are there still things that need to be discussed, or do you know everything that is going to be changed?
- Dylan Ingelse: AnneBruggink has made all the comments in the document, so we are aware of the changes needed to be made.

11. Estimated Budget 2024-2025

- Robyn Bernhard: Budget explanation General Meeting#1:

Robyn Bernhard states Income.

- Robyn Bernhard: Bookstore, although a lot of people don't buy books anymore, we still believe we will get money through the bookstore, although not as much as in previous years. So we lowered the income of Vrije Universiteit bookstore to 2700 euros. Based on previous years numbers plus 169 new bachelors and 25 new master students. We expect a membership income of €7000. From the 77th Board we got a contribution investment of €3000 to lower the membership fees in Introduction Days to €25 to attract more members. Although we do not have a contract with Athena Summaries anymore. The money we should have gotten from them should come from the Faculty. Therefore we will get in contact with the Vrije Universiteit and see whether they can help us. That is why Athena Summaries is still in the budget. We will get a new name when we know for sure where the money comes from. Based on last year's Bavaria numbers and us having the same amount of Board members we expect to get as much of Bavaria as the 77th Board did. With our very committed external contacts Anne Bruggink. We believe she can get a sponsorship number of €2500. Since interest has gone up we believe we can get a bank account interest of €415.

Robyn Bernhard presents Board activities.

- Robyn Bernhard: Active Member Day and Active Member Weekend are based on previous years numbers with a little up in price because everything gets more expensive. Constitution Drinks stays the same. About Transition Weekend, we believe it is important to have a good bonding weekend between the two Boards to prepare the next Board well for the upcoming year. If you have a good Transition Weekend this will be seen back in the numbers of the association. Board Drinks stays the same. Mini Events I got a bit higher because we still want to do a lot of Mini Events and organise a Gangbuurtjesborrel and G5.
- Esmee Blankers: For the yearly contributing members, they are lower than expected. 100 members is like 500 euros already, so you do not get in trouble.
- Robyn Bernhard: I have budgeted really low, so we will be fine.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Do you know how many new members became member with the discount?
- Robyn Bernhard: Yes, around 160 members.
- Anaïs van Schalen: That would already be 4000 euros, and you are expecting to get 240 new members, so 240×35 is 8000 euros.
- Robyn Bernhard: True, it is a low estimate. We have to keep in mind that we have a contribution investment.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Yes, on top of the money you are getting from the members. Contributing investment is to compensate the Board for the discount. But the members that became member would be already in the budget. You can go to 240.
- Robyn Bernhard: I get what you mean, but we have a low estimate and I think it is good that we did this, because we would have thought to have more continuing members.

- Anaïs van Schalen: As long as you are aware it is low.
- Melissa Sier: From 2022 and 2023 we got 1850, so I wonder if you guys had other numbers and why it is higher?
- Robyn Bernhard: It was advised by KasCo to keep it high. I lowered it a bit because I think we were not going to make it. But we will see this next General Meeting.
- Melissa Sier: Do you know why?
- Robyn Bernhard: No.

Robyn Bernhard presents Committees.

- Robyn Bernhard: Actie, Barcie, Chronicles, LEX and Pedcie get the same amount of money as last year since there were no problems with budget. Congresscie is biennial so not this year but there still has to be made an investment due to the size of the event. Feestcie I upped the price, Feestcie gets this amount due to the gala this year. Illusie gets 7200 from the Faculty. The rest will come from ticket sales and sponsors. Lucie is a big event so it is advised to put some money aside every year so Lucie has enough money when the event takes place. Therefore I budgeted to put 1000 euros aside. Opcie gets 1500 from the Faculty. Ouderdagcie gets 6000 from the Faculty. Reiscie I lowered their budget because they organised a trip with less money then they got. They had a budget of 1900 euros of which they used 720 euros to organise a really good trip. Therefore I think a budget of 1700 is sufficient. If they do get in trouble they can use the flexible committee budget which I upped solely because of this reason. Wintersportcie I upped with 200 euros so they can organise a better trip and hopefully make hoodies free.

Robyn Bernhard presents Board expenses.

- Robyn Bernhard: General Meeting is the same as last year. General Board Meeting, we got higher on General Board Meetings to make the General Board Meeting more fun. External relations and gifts we decided to separate again. External relations is for the Constitution Borrel gifts and external gifts for people who help us outside of associations. The 300 euros from both posts together is the same as last year.

Robyn Bernhard presents Board Reimbursement.

- Robyn Bernhard: There are 5 Board members, every Board member is entitled to 100 euros substitution which makes up for 500 euros. Porto/print/board costs we get 900 from the Faculty. Home & Office general is the same as last year. Fixed costs 500 euros higher because of inflation.
- Isa Witteman: About Chronicles, is it the same as last year? Do you think you can manage this?
- Robyn Bernhard: Yes with good sponsorships and promotion.
- Lucas Ehrlich: In previous year Barcie ended up with 500 euros in the plus, how do you feel about committees making profit en reinvesting this, and what do you think about Barcie explicitly.
- Robyn Bernhard: We can give it back to members, or cheaper hoodies or other merchandise.
- Mandy Schunselaar: Prices for drinks at Barcies need to be lowered. We already had discussions about this, but seeing how much profit they made, they need to be lower. We are still a non-profit organisation.
- Robyn Bernhard: Fair point, I will discuss this with the next Barcie chair.
- Lucas Ehrlich: In general with beer you play even, taking into account the loss but it is with stuff like cocktails you can make a big profit, but three quarters through our year we got new obstacles, it will not be that b=Barcie will not make profit, but they should play even.
- Mandy Schunselaar: I think they could still make cocktails, but last year the prices were too high. Prices need to be changed every Barcie.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Congresscie is Faculty money and it should be 1500 euros to them.
- Robyn Bernhard: No, it is not an event this year, so it is going to be saved for next year.
- Esmee Blankers: Question to ask if you thought about who you would actually gift someone? From the top of my mind I have not thought about someone who I would gift. Maybe look at something.
- Robyn Bernhard: I can check this during the year, and otherwise reallocate this.
- Selin Elcheik: I want to share an idea, in my year we had a VIB member help with interviews and there were some other yearbooks gifted to them. I do not know if it can happen through this post, but it does sound nice.

- Dylan Ingelse: Maybe also good use of external gifts, maybe with people we have meetings with, with merchandise for example. As how bigger companies do.
- Mandy Schunselaar: About congrescie, I think it should say -1500 euros, because you are putting the money away in the savings. Maybe like with Lucie.
- Robyn Bernhard: I see what you mean, but because the money is from Faculty it is income and since Congrescie is not active this year...
- Mandy Schunselaar: Still in minus right?
- Robyn Bernhard: No because it is still income and not expenses. And Lucie is also in the minus because it is an investment from us as Board. There is no income or expenses, we just put money aside. And now we get money from Faculty and put it aside.
- Lucas Ehrlich: 0 euros seems logical?
- Robyn Bernhard: If you would put 0 euros there, you would get a problem with results.
- Mandy Schunselaar: Lucas Ehrlich, you did not put the money you got from Ouderdagcie in the budget, so maybe take it out.
- Lucas Ehrlich: I will ask Lotta Heijnen and Demi Acquoy, they know what to do.
- Mandy Schunselaar: I can text them as well.
- Gracjan Bozykowski: Should Piccie not also be on there?
- Robyn Bernhard: I can put it in, but then it states 0, 0, 0. it does not make a difference in the Financial Statement.
- Anaïs van Schalen: When comparing this to 76th Board and 77th Board, you are spending more money on Lucie?
- Robyn Bernhard: I believe it is the same.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Oh it is less than 76th Board.
- Robyn Bernhard: I based it on the 77th Board.
- Anaïs van Schalen: You have more money in Opcie and less in Lucie, but I think that Lucie really needs their money.
- Robyn Bernhard: Opcie gets 1500 euros from Faculty and I was told you cannot change the money you get from Faculty for a designated post.
- Anaïs van Schalen: I see 1500 euros. Do you know why?
- Robyn Bernhard: No.

Robyn Bernhard presents Investments.

- Robyn Bernhard: Transaction costs stay the same. Promotion although we are not going to be using posters for promotion anymore. The money will be used for stickers and potential other promotional material. VSPVU-room. We got an investment of the 77th board for the room. So thank you 77 for that. Due to this investment we believe 100 euros extra should be sufficient.

Robyn Bernhard presents Member initiative budget.

- Robyn Bernhard: We keep this 100 euros and with more promotion we hope someone will use this budget this year to make a fun activity. Active member rewards. General Board Meeting-outing we expect all the chairs to be there and thank them through a fun outing. This means that if everyone shows up you need more money.
- Robyn Bernhard: Dominate 78. We will give the winner a nice reward. Committee Ten if every committee is full we will have 88 Active members which makes a budget of 880. Active Member Clothing. We got a little higher for Active member clothing because we get more Active members and hope that everyone will buy a hoodie. Therefore we need more money. Extra Rewards is a little higher than previous year due to more members and we think it is important to thank everyone who made the events possible.
- Julia Horsmans: Do you know what promotion was in our year? Do you not think it is a bit much?
- Robyn Bernhard: I can always reallocate the leftover budget to merchandise.
- Dylan Ingelse: This is not the updated version.
- Robyn Bernhard: Only the totals are different.
- Julia Horsmans: The printed ones are the right ones.

Dylan Ingelse presents Piccie logo:

- Isa Witteman: Love it, is it me or is it not proportionate?
- Isabel Bartelds: When you look at it on Canva, it is exactly centered. But I see what you mean.
- Isa Witteman: You said on Canva it is, but not here, how will you make sure it is centered on the drive then?
- Dylan Ingelse: We will find a way.
- Isa Witteman: Otherwise, let me know.
- Gracjan Bozykowski: It kind of looks like the WhatsApp logo.
- Boaz Emanuels: You mentioned that on Canva it is centered, does it look different or the same?
- Dylan Ingelse: It looks right on the laptop.

Robyn Bernhard presents the Revised budget:

- Žygimantas Pupelis: Where did you get the new members from?
- Robyn Bernhard: We estimated the income lower. I based it on 25 euros and 160 new members.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: If we want to get a banner, would it come out of the committee budget and not the Board budget?
- Robyn Bernhard: Correct
- Edmond Agabekian: What about the Congressie investment?
- Robyn Bernhard: No, we get money from the Faculty. We took it out because we will use this next year. I rounded numbers out to 0.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: How is your stagefright?
- Robyn Bernhard: Still here.
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12. Advisory Board questions

- Anaïs van Schalen, Boaz Emanuels, Edmond Agabekian, Mandy Schunselaar and Žygimantas Pupelis are presented.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: I am looking forward to being in the association and being active. I have Board experience.
- Boaz Emanuels: I have been in the association for 6 years, I am looking forward to helping the Board and making progress with the association.
- Anaïs van Schalen: This is my fourth year in the association, I have been in Barcie, Feestcie and Board. Last year I did not do anything, but this year I want to be involved so I would like to be Advisory Board.
- Edmond Agabekian: I am applying to be Advisory Board, I have been Advisory Board last year. It was interesting and I liked giving feedback. I made Sportcie, so I am going to try to get it back. I think it would be nice to do Advisory Board again with these lovely people.
- Mandy Schunselaar: I have been Advisory Board last year as well, have been in the VSPVU a long time and I love the association and I want to help this next Board as well.
- Julia Horsmans: Since you are going to be an Advisory Board of five instead of three, is there a lack of motivation?
- Anaïs van Schalen: I do not think a lack of motivation will happen, because it is kind of an individual task, giving feedback every week and we have to be at the Board events. We will manage these events. We are friends so I think we can keep the motivation high.
- Edmond Agabekian: Of course there will be motivation shifts, but we have our 'moms' Anaïs van Schalen and Mandy Schunselaar to keep motivation high.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Well as you can probably see we are friends and we like to give each other shit and if someone's job is not done, everyone's opinion matters, so we will keep it in the Advisory Board to have someone be disciplined. Because we are friends, we can have consequences for each other.
- Mandy Schunselaar: We have very good communication and are very easy with each other, so we will be happy and motivated together.

- Boaz Emanuels: I think with a tight knit group you can keep each other accountable more. I think I tend to do my work, like giving feedback individually, and then as a group talk about it. It is a nice group and that also keeps you motivated.
- Selin Elcheik: Boaz Emanuels, I am only asking you because I have been in an Advisory Board with Edmond Agabekian and Mandy Schunselaar. You have not been in a Board, so what are your strong suits with Advisory Board?
- Boaz Emanuels: Communication, I tend to communicate clearly and directly. Also I like to play chess, I am an analytical person, I want to analyse from angles that other people might miss.
- Esme Blankers: I have one question for the Advisory Board and one question for the Board. Are all five of you going to give feedback each week and how will that work?
- Boaz Emanuels: We will give feedback individually. Also, if we look at how we did this with the Policy Plan, we all went over it in a combined docs, without group thinking, however there is a red thread through the document. After this, we can go around the table and discuss this.
- Mandy Schunselaar: I will do it every week. There were a few times where I did not do it, but it was very small in comparison to what I had been doing. But I will be able to do almost all of it.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: I cannot promise I can do it every time. I think I am a big procrastinator and I like going into drama. I spend a lot of time in the VSPVU room, so I can be doing this in the room. It is quite nice to read them, I might miss one or two but I will be on top of this. I find the transcripts fun to read.
- Anaïs van Schalen: It is fun to read the transcripts and it is going to be fun to see the 78th Board in the same position as we were in. You are signing up for Advisory Board so why else would you sign up? It is your responsibility to.
- Edmond Agabekian: If we go back to the question, I think it is even better to do this with even more people. Some people are more interested in some things than others, so it would be nice to have a bigger perspective. If something is not my strong suit, I can hand it over to the next person. It is based on interest and knowledge.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: A lot of motivation is based on how much our feedback is going to be incorporated. We want to build this connection with the 78th Board.
- Esme Blankers: For the 78th Board, I think processing feedback during meetings takes a lot of time during Board meetings. I am a little bit worried that this might be too much. Think about a person's strong suit and see what feedback they can give. If they have a lot feedback this can also become an issue.
- Dylan Ingelse: We also think more points of view are better than less points of view. We want to see their strong suits and how they can give feedback and what we can use.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Throughout our year, we did feedback first, we read it individually and the answers were given before the meeting. This comes with preparations for the meetings. When it needs to be discussed, then either way it has to be there.
- Boaz Emanuels: If there is something I know about these people, we all like to be physically there, even though we are going to also give the feedback on paper, we take the most important things and discuss this with the board. This might take away stress from the Board and we can give our own interpretations. It is going to help them and keep the motivation high.
- Edmond Agabekian: I want to add something from the past, I have been in the association for 8 years now. So the standard of the length of Board meetings has reduced a lot. In the last couple of years the Board meetings have finished within two to three hours. I do not think it is a bad thing to have longer meetings. Maybe do not keep the standard of last year, it can take a long time.
- Selin Elcheik: I like how you are all motivated, however I will say this is also how Advisory Board talks at the beginning but not how it goes in reality. Having more people might give people the opportunity to slack more, because the work will be done anyways. It can be tiring for the people always doing the work, also when they are sick for example. Question for everyone, it can also be frustrating at times, there can be many different opinions. Can you handle having more opinions in the Advisory Board?

- Mandy Schunselaar: I like having a little discussion and coming to the best answer. If there are nice arguments I like to listen to them. I also think it is nice for the Boards to have strong opinions. These people have strong opinions, so it is going to work out.
- Anaïs van Schalen: I am not going to be bothered by them and sometimes the Board does not want to listen to you, that is fine. If I do not agree I will let them know, but they do not have to listen to the feedback.
- Boaz Emanuels: I completely agree with Anaïs van Schalen. Do the best you can, but it is your Board year, as long as they are following the regulations, all is well.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: If they are making a stupid decision, we will let them know, if they do this and it does not work out we can be like 'we told you so'.
- Edmond Agabekian: Same thing. No problem with being direct but at the end of the day it is just giving advice.
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13. KasCo questions

- Mandy Schunselaar, Edmond Agabekian and Lucas Ehrlich present themselves.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Lucas Ehrlich since you have been Treasurer this year, how do we know you are not going to embezzle money?
- Lucas Ehrlich: Lotta Heijnen will train the new Kasco. It will also be their experience, not just my own.
- Boaz Emanuels: Lucas Ehrlich will be the only one that has Board experience, and financial background, why are you - Mandy Schunselaar and Edmond Agabekian - suited for this position?
- Edmond Agabekian: I am a student of Business Economics, ending my bachelor with accounting and bookkeeping, I am an entrepreneur and I do the bookkeeping for a lot of companies, my own and my mom's bookkeeping for example. It is just learning about the posts. It will not be a big problem. The knowledge is there, I just need the training for the software.
- Mandy Schunselaar: I did a lot of work with finances at my old job. I was fixing everything for them. I have some experience with handling money, I also make my own budgets every month. I have never had a treasurer position, but I have made a lot of budgets because I did not want to wait for my committee members, and Lotta Heijnen is going to give me training. I have the Board manual already and I have a lot of training so I think I will be fine.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Lucas Ehrlich, you had some issues with your own Kasco. What would you do better?
- Lucas Ehrlich: One of the most complicated things was finding days to meet. Other responsibilities were difficult. With online bookkeeping I think we do not need everyone at the same place and the same time. I also think we have clear communication which we had up until the summer.
- Boaz Emanuels: I wanted to make sure the transcription includes if Lucas Ehrlich will be active in the first half year.
- Lucas Ehrlich: I am active, but I cannot check my own bookkeeping. That is why we need two other people.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Question for the 78th Board, why did you opt for a Kasco that has one old Board member that is not allowed to check his own budget and two non Board members? Does that need a lot of training? At least one other Board member.
- Dylan Ingelse: We decided on this because we had struggles finding anyone internally. After this we found some other potential Kasco members externally. After a while we found people internally, and then we found Lucas Ehrlich with Board experience, Edmond Agabekian with experience in the business and Mandy Schunselaar who has been in the association for a long time. Together with Lotta Heijnen's experience with teaching her, we are confident. The other Board members were also not treasurer and that is why we made this choice.
- Anaïs van Schalen: If you are saying it might have been a slight disadvantage, why did you not do it?
- Dylan Ingelse: We think this group of people has different perspectives, and we think these people have a nice way of communicating and we have a current Board member checking us, so we also have the Board perspective checking us.

- Boaz Emanuels: To Mandy Schunselaar and Edmond Agabekian, if you are and Advisory Board and Kasco, I could foresee this might be a lot and maybe have more information than the other people. Do you think these functions are going to interfere?
- Mandy Schunselaar: No I do not think so. I have the time for both. Information wise, I do not think it is going to interfere that much, if there is info in the Kasco and not the Advisory Board, I do not think that is right, but is to be discussed then.
- Edmond Agabekian: Timewise it takes a bit more. Kasco has four to five meetings a year. Board will ask questions which we can answer. I do not think it is going to interfere, because sometimes things were discussed between Kasco and Board and not Advisory Board and Board, so now we do not have to discuss this twice. Communication between Kasco and Advisory Board was not always there. I think it is nice to have the triangle complete.
- Boaz Emanuels: Fair enough, if the Advisory Board is being treated as a whole, information that you are allowed to share, will that be shared?
- Edmond Agabekian: Of course. We are all working together for the association.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Edmond Agabekian, knowing you, motivation drops around January/March.
- Edmond Agabekian: Draws a graph on the whiteboard explaining his motivation circle.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Since we are all friends, if you are fighting, are you not going to be discussing Kasco and Advisory Board problems with each other?
- Lucas Ehrlich: No problems.
- Anaïs van Schalen: How are you, Robyn Bernhard and Lucas Ehrlich going to make sure your relationship is not in the way of Kasco?
- Lucas Ehrlich: Dividing private and business is something we can do. Same thing happened a lot of times. I believe I am able to be professional.
- Robyn Bernhard: I do not think it will be a problem. Of course sometimes it is difficult, but I know when we are talking about VSPVU or personal things. Sometimes it sucks, but sometimes I will remind myself it is for the VSPVU.

14. Voting

→ **Voting results:**

Piccie:

- In favour: 31
- Neutral: 0
- Against: 1

Piccie logo:

- In favour: 30
- Neutral: 1
- Against: 1

Policy plan of the 78th Board:

- In favour: 31
- Neutral: 0
- Against: 1

Estimated budget of the 78th Board:

- In favour: 30
- Neutral: 0
- Against: 2

15. Voting

→ **Voting results:**

Anaïs van Schalen as Advisory Board 2024 - 2025:

- In favour: 31
- Neutral: 1
- Against: 0

Boaz Emmanuels as Advisory Board 2024 - 2025:

- In favour: 24
- Neutral: 3
- Against: 5

Edmond Agabekian as Advisory Board 2024 - 2025:

- In favour: 27
- Neutral: 3
- Against: 2

Mandy Schunselaar as Advisory Board 2024 - 2025:

- In favour: 31
- Neutral: 1
- Against: 0

Žygimantas Pupelis as Advisory Board 2024 - 2025:

- In favour: 32
- Neutral: 0
- Against: 0

Edmond Agabekian Audit 2024 - 2025:

- In favour: 30
- Neutral: 1
- Against: 1

Lucas Ehrlich as Financial Audit 2024 - 2025:

- In favour: 28
- Neutral: 2
- Against: 2

Mandy Schunselaar as Financial Audit 2024 - 2025:

- In favour: 28
- Neutral: 3
- Against: 1

16. Idea box

- Mabel van Gent: Have a maximum ending time for the General Meetings.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Divide the General Meetings in two days. so one night has no Board. were tired and fucking around. It might be smart to start thinking about it.
- Dylan Ingelse: We will take this into consideration.
- Mabel van Gent: Project "Give the VSPVU-room a soul", for the 78th Board bonding - Buy room decorations at Waterlooplein for 100/200 euros.
- Edmond Agabekian: Another idea - every time you buy a drink, you get a stamp and with enough stamps you get merchandise.
- Dylan Ingelse: We will talk about this internally.

17. Important Dates

- a. September 11 General Board Meeting #1
- b. October 9 General Board Meeting #2
- c. October 29 Active Member Day

18. A.O.B.

- Žygimantas Pupelis: For Lucas Ehrlich and current Board, during previous General Meeting we voted in Financial Statement. Can we have an update in the next General Meeting?
- Lucas Ehrlich: You had an update today.
- Dylan Ingelse: 170 more members, more than other Boards. We have a tv from the 77th Board and we might get something. We are still deciding about the room improvement we can do with the 1000 euros.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Please use Instagram for room upgrades.

19. Questions or Comments

20. Closing

Dylan Ingelse closes the meeting at 02:51.