

**1. Opening – Opened at 18:07**

Kirsten Koolhof: Hello everyone, welcome to the second General Meeting of the year. Super nice you all came here! Before we start, I will explain the rules for people who are new to General Meetings. In the General Meeting we as the Board discuss all the things that are going on in the association. We will evaluate our policy and budget that we made and was voted in in the beginning of the year. Also, this is the place where you can express your feelings and concerns. If you have a question you can raise a hand and Karlo Welch will note your name down. He will announce when it is your turn to ask your question.

**2. Announcements**

Kirsten Koolhof: General Meetings are there to give you information and to state your concerns. Therefore, please respect each other and let each other speak out. We also appreciate it if you pay attention and stay quiet. Enjoy the meeting.

- a. Boaz Emanuels will leave earlier
- b. Liz Masselink will leave earlier
- c. Wouter Groot will leave earlier

**3. Approval of Transcript**

No comments.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

No comments.

**5. Update on Policy**

Kirsten Koolhof: I will now give you an update on the Policy: Before we start, all of our policy points are showed at the PowerPoint above me. You can also find it back at the VSPVU website.

a. Commitment:

i. Mini Events:

Kirsten Koolhof: We are organizing a lot of Mini Events. We had Halloween, Tosti Thursday, pre-borrels, Welcome to Amsterdam and Valentines Dinner. We noticed the big amount of activities so we as the board will hold back with the number of events we organize.

ii. Transparency:

Kirsten Koolhof: We are sending out a newsletter monthly with information about the board and its events.

iii. External Relations:

Kirsten Koolhof: We are still reaching out to the coordinators and making agreements with them if they are open to it. We try to do this for every week.

iv. Merchandise:

Kirsten Koolhof: We are now focusing on a new merchandise. We had the new merchandise of the bomber jackets; they are ordered have already arrived.

v. VSPVU-room:

Kirsten Koolhof: We have a cleaning schedule that we follow to keep the room clean. We had a cleaning day. The whole room is reorganized and cleaned.

b. Members:

i. New members:

Kirsten Koolhof: We have a total of 472 new bachelor members and 14 new master members, so we have to get 13 more members. We have different ideas to get them like promoting during lecture talks.

- ii. Member Initiative:

Kirsten Koolhof: We have two Member Initiatives which will be announced soon. The deadline for requesting a Member Initiative is the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.
  - iii. Workshops:

Kirsten Koolhof: We finally have our first workshop planned. It will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May. It will be a workshop about personal branding and the costs will not be more than a maximum of € 8,00 per person.
  - iv. Active Member Application:

Kirsten Koolhof: We have a few open spots, and a few have been filled already. The promotion is still open for it.
- c. Committees:
- i. Pilot committees:

Kirsten Koolhof: We are still having some pilot committees and we are looking into which one should stay pilot next year.
  - ii. Magazine Committee:

Kirsten Koolhof: Nothing to add on this post.
  - iii. English names:

Kirsten Koolhof: Nothing to add on this post.
  - iv. Christmas Cards:

Kirsten Koolhof: We have sent these out as said in last General Meeting.
- d. Recognition:
- i. Media:

Kirsten Koolhof: We invest more in Facebook and Instagram paid promotion. We are updating our LinkedIn and we are now focusing on adding externals like alumni.
  - ii. Website:

Kirsten Koolhof: Genkgo, the website host, is working on updating our website with a new lay out. The website has been published and this week we can give feedback on it, so please give it a look and if you see any remarks.
  - iii. Educational:

Kirsten Koolhof: We are organizing a Tutor Borrel to better connect the VSPVU with tutors.
- e. Awareness
- i. Environment:

Kirsten Koolhof: We have a new Member Initiative which is in line with our environment ideas which will be announced soon. Besides that, we ordered reusable coffee cups with the logo on it. They will be € 3,75 and you can use them more often.

    - Sjoerd van den Assem: When will the cups be sold?
    - Alessia van Overbeeke: Very soon, as they arrived on the VU and now promotion will come out very soon.
  - ii. Safety:

Kirsten Koolhof: We are sticking to the requesting plan for the board pass.
- f. Policy continuation:
- i. Translation and internalization:

Kirsten Koolhof: We are now in contact with the VU international office for language courses for a reduced price. We will come back with it if we have more information.
  - ii. General Meeting:

Kirsten Koolhof: We will have one more during this year and one later after the summer break.

- iii. General Board Meetings:  
Kirsten Koolhof: We had 5 General Board Meetings.
- iv. Meetings:  
Kirsten Koolhof: We are attending meetings like LOOP, SSPN and G5.
  - Damian Waij: Is something happening with SSPN and LOOP this year?
  - Kirsten Koolhof: Yes, we are planning something but due to many associations working on it setting a date is quite hard but SSPN will organize a Masters Event.
  - Alessia van Overbeeke: And LOOP is this year meant
  - Damian Waij: Do you think organizing something is still worth it?
  - Karlo Welch: Well it is going to happen anyway but I still think it is worth it as It is really informative for Master students.
  - Kirsten Koolhof: Yes, but organizing events is hard due to associations not putting priority into it. We do think it's worth it but we are not sure about it for next year.
- v. Functioning:  
Kirsten Koolhof: We will have function trainings again from March onwards and you and your committee members will be contacted or are already contacted by the board.
- vi. Birthday cards:  
Kirsten Koolhof: Birthday cards are written and send, also people got there Christmas cards. The January cards where send back for some reason therefore since we have enough cards everybody in January will receive it again.
- vii. Budgets:  
Kirsten Koolhof: We ask the financial audit to check double things and for advice.
- viii. Education:  
Kirsten Koolhof: We will have a tutor borrel on the 19th of March. We have already a lot of response from tutors and will send out an email for the student to join.
- ix. First Aid Course:  
Kirsten Koolhof: Everybody received their license for the first aid course and everybody picked it up.
- x. Alcohol & Drugs Policy:  
Kirsten Koolhof: We follow this policy and have acted on this once.
  - Sjoerd van den Assem: Can you add more about the activity?
  - Kirsten Koolhof: It was during an activity and we heard about it. We discussed it with the person, it was no issue from him, and we decided that he should not join another event in that week.

## 6. Update Financial Statement

Kirsten Koolhof: I will give the word to Alessia van Overbeeke for an update of the financial statement.

### **\*Alessia van Overbeeke presents Income\***

- Demi Acquoy: Why do you imagine that you will get members in May?
- Alessia van Overbeeke: Due to the balance of previous years.
- Demi Acquoy: And do you think the same, even with the numerus fixus?
- Alessia van Overbeeke: Yes, because I cannot tell you what will happen in that new situation. Also, we will promote it in May.
- Liz Masselink: Did Bavaria already pay for 2019?
- Alessia van Overbeeke: Yes, because they paid in January and this is the costs that were paid for what we all ordered.
- Amelie van den Boom: For the numerus fixus even if you expect less members, they will know if they join the study in April, so your reasoning still stands.

- Alessia van Overbeeke: Ah great! Good to know.
- \*Alessia van Overbeeke presents Board Activities\***
- No questions during this part.
- \*Alessia van Overbeeke presents Committees\***
- Margot Bakkes: I was wondering, you mean stars behind things that are closed; Hitchhike and Online?
  - Alessia van Overbeeke: I did not think about that, thank you!
  - Liz Masselink: How is it possible that the Ski Trip did not buy things yet?
  - Karlo Welch: It has not all been reimbursed just yet.
  - Alessia van Overbeeke: Also, the invoice of the sweaters has not been received yet.
- \*Alessia van Overbeeke presents Board Expenses\***
- Liz Masselink: Is it not supposed to be 0 with porto/print?
  - Alessia van Overbeeke: The budget has been voted in with -900 so that is where something went wrong.
  - Liz Masselink: And are you still going to spend on Board gifts since a lot is left?
  - Alessia van Overbeeke: At the end some Boards switch as well so we expect to spend money as well, like Broertjesdag.
  - Liz Masselink: Ah okay, then I understand.
- \*Alessia van Overbeeke presents Investments\***
- Damian Wajj: There are less than 4 months left, what are you going to do with your VSPVU room and Misc. Investments?
  - Alessia van Overbeeke: We are relooking our first idea to paint the walls, and with Misc. you are totally right.
  - Amelie van den Boom: So, the tickets for the Beer Tasting are 11 euros, how is that going to work out to 8,70?
  - Alessia van Overbeeke: Because the poster of 2,70 has also been paid.
  - Amelie van den Boom: Ah okay, and perhaps you can use some money to buy some useful stuff for the storage.
  - Alessia van Overbeeke: That is a really good one!
  - Eline Garsen: This is the first time I have heard about bomber jackets?
  - Alessia van Overbeeke: We have promoted it for a month on Instagram, Facebook, other places online and in the Room.
  - Sjoerd van den Assem: For the website it has been updated but: Is it more practical or aesthetic?
  - Andrew de Ruiter: Its mostly practical and it is also aesthetic; bit of both. Navigation is easier, the quality of content has improved, and the access is easier to access (you are now able to download pictures etc.) It also helps internally; for things such as ticket links and sign up forms. Thus, making things very efficient and enabling us to do more.
  - Damian Wajj: Will it be up to date and will you make sure it stays up to date?
  - Andrew de Ruiter: Yes, it will be easier therefore we will update it adding all kinds of descriptions of our activities and things that we do, as well as weekly News updates.
  - Sjoerd van den Assem: Privacy issues: When members can download pictures from the site please filter them out a bit better since some photos are still not really safe for work.
  - Andrew de Ruiter: We will take it into account of course, thank you.
  - Sjoerd van den Assem: Okay great, also please invest in a chessboard.
  - Alessia van Overbeeke: That is a good one! Also, I had a relook in the Bar budget and this budget is correct since the keg deposit was already fine.
- \*Alessia van Overbeeke presents Active Member Rewards\***

- No questions during this part.

**\*Alessia van Overbeeke van Overbeeke presents Totals\***

- Demi Acquoy: When are you going to divide the money that is left?
- Alessia van Overbeeke: Well as it looks right now, we might make a loss on book sales and membership, and with my calculations we then have 350 euros left with what is left. Since sponsorship also does not go that great, we want to keep it as a back-up. If it turns out that we still have it left, then we will do another General Meeting to vote about it.

**7. Candidacy Board**

Kirsten Koolhof: We are looking into finding the 74<sup>th</sup> Candidacy Board, if you are interested and want more information, send an email to the board@vspvu.com. Tomorrow we will have Tosti Thursday where all of us are attending so feel free to ask your questions there as well!

**8. Idea box**

Kirsten Koolhof: We brought our beautiful green box: I will open it up and read out all of your good ideas you proposed.

**\*Kirsten Koolhof Koolhof opening up idea box and reading them out loud\***

- Chromecast
  - Kirsten Koolhof: This is not possible due to the VU WiFi Network.
- Stand up show night with Sjoerd van den Assem doing dry jokes
- Every committee needs to bring a mascot to the Active Member Weekend to brass, same rules apply as on Constitution drinks.
  - Boaz Emanuels: This is needed. The Bookselling Committee wants to level the playing field and since ours is stolen, we want to make it even for everyone.
  - Kirsten Koolhof: We will give it a look.
- Russian Slav Party
  - Damian Wajj: That is also racist.
- Free beer in the VSPVU room as written by someone named Kirsten Koolhof
- Forget Corona, VSP-Flu: A virus which you can buy as merchandise
- Therapy dog in the room
- Suggestion Box
- Member Initiative: Beer Olympics with multiple beer games etc. in period 5
  - Thierry Witschge: That sounds like an MF Battle.
  - Liz Masselink: And it also happened 2 years ago.
  - Boaz Emanuels: That something has been done before is not a reason that it should not happen again.
  - Thierry Witschge: But also, we discussed lately that we should lower the number of events since there are so many events.

Kirsten Koolhof: Thank you for your ideas, we will look into them and will look into if we can do them.

**9. Important Dates**

Kirsten Koolhof: We have a few important dates coming up so note them down:

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| a. 5 <sup>th</sup> of March:                  | Pedagogiek Commissie #3         |
| b. 12 <sup>th</sup> of March:                 | Member Initiative: Beer Tasting |
| c. 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> of April: | Active Member Weekend           |
| d. 18 <sup>th</sup> of April:                 | Parent's Day                    |
| e. 23 <sup>rd</sup> of April:                 | Borrel #5                       |
| f. 2 <sup>nd</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> of May:  | Study Trip: Athens              |

- g. 10<sup>th</sup> of June: General Meeting #4
- Amelie van den Boom: When is the deadline for Candidacy Board?
  - Kirsten Koolhof: 13<sup>th</sup> of March, good one, thank you!
  - Sterre Klazes: 9<sup>th</sup> of April Barco!

#### 10. A.O.B.

Kirsten Koolhof: Are there any other business?

- Demi Acquoy: I am wondering where everybody is? We are with 5 chairmen, so where is everyone?
- Kirsten Koolhof: Honestly, I don't know. I did not hear any cancellations, but I also do not have a question. It has been said in the GBM's before, it has been promoted, so I don't know the answer.
- Thierry Witschge: About promotion, it was mandatory for chairmen that they should be there. If there are indeed only 5 out of 14 chairmen, it is really poor. And the dates are set at the start of the year so you should at least come here. So please, talk to them and warn the people who were not here that they should.
- Kirsten Koolhof: I completely agree, I will state it to all chairmen again how important it is for you and your committee to be here.

#### 11. Questions or Comments

Kirsten Koolhof: Are there any questions or comments?

- Sjoerd van den Assem: Andrew de Ruiten, this one is for you: **Sjoerd van den Assem says a long word.**
- Andrew de Ruiten: Thanks.
- Damian Waij: Rest in peace VSPPlu.

#### 12. Closing - Closed at 19:05.

Kirsten Koolhof: Thank you all a lot for coming, we hope you liked it! You can also join us for a little drink in the VSPVU Room.