

# AGENDA GM #3

13-01-2021

18:00 START

ZOOM

1. Opening
2. Announcements
  - Isa Witteman will be later.
  - Giovanni Stickdorn will be later.
  - Kirsten Koolhof isn't here.
3. Approval of Transcript
  - Martijn van der Zee: Were there any remarks on the transcript of last General Meeting?
4. Approval of Agenda
  - Martijn van der Zee: Are there any remarks on the Agenda? I would like to add two points, namely: Webcie & Rallycie icons and a voting about that. I split Update on Financial Statement into two, and added two CoCo parts.
5. CoCo and further explanation
  - Martijn van der Zee: We are playing the CoCo again. Sofia Mendez Quiros sent all the chairs of the committees a bingo card. If you get a full card, text Sofia Mendez Quiros with proof and, if correct, you are awarded with 5 points for the CoCo. Furthermore, having your mascot with you will award you with another point. Other points can be earned by having more committee members in the GM. With 40% of your committee or less you get 1 point, 70% is 2 points, 90% is 3 points and 100% is 4 points. The winners will receive a price! We'll tell you what the price is at the end of the meeting.
  - Martijn van der Zee: Also, no drinking is allowed before the voting. If you do, your vote will be invalid and will not be counted. After the last voting you are allowed to drink.
  - Juli Dylla: How is it going to go with the bingo: Do we need a row or as many items as possible?
  - Martijn van der Zee: You need a full card and if you have that, text Sofia Mendez Quiros. Do not use the Zoom chat because that was chaotic, so use WhatsApp.
6. Final Financial Statement 73<sup>rd</sup> Board
  - Martijn van der Zee: I will now give the stage to Demi Acquoy for the final financial statement of previous year.
  - Demi Acquoy: Yes, hi. You are going to hear a lot from me this evening. This is the final financial statement of the 73<sup>rd</sup> board. The first column is what's in the account right now. The virtual result is what it's going to end with and the budgeted result is what they expected. If marked with a star, the post is closed and it's not going to change anymore. I will present per header and after that you can ask your questions.
  - Demi Acquoy presents Income.
    - o Questions
      - No questions
  - Demi Acquoy presents Board Activities.
    - o Questions
      - No questions
  - Demi Acquoy presents Committees.
    - o Questions
      - Sjoerd van den Assem: Maybe I missed it, but what's the exact reason that the Study Trip isn't closed off and are the Parents Day and the

Introduction Committee not closed due to invoices that haven't been paid yet?

- Demi Acquoy: Yes, that's true.
  - Sjoerd van den Assem: And the study trip committee?
  - Demi Acquoy: I believe it's the flight vouchers.
  - Sjoerd van den Assem: Okay, thanks.
  - Alessandro Gazzola: At the end of the LEX, the 70 is the profit that we made at the end of the year? Rr what does this mean exactly?
  - Demi Acquoy: This is from last year's LEX, so this is not your LEX.
  - Alessandro Gazzola: Ah, sorry!
- **Demi Acquoy presents Board Expenses.**
    - Questions
      - Liz Masselink: How is it that the fixed costs are much lower than expected?
      - Demi Acquoy: I looked into it, and I think also due to Corona that a lot of things didn't increase as much as they thought, such as transaction costs. But it's 1000 euros lower, so I could really look into that for this year and what happens, but other than that I really don't have a clear explanation for you, sorry.
- **Demi Acquoy presents Investments**
    - Questions
      - Sjoerd van den Assem: I told Alessia this a few times, but they overspent because of the deposit money for the beer bottles and crates, which shouldn't be on there. I already told her this, but apparently she didn't implement it. I just wanted to mention this so that you know the reason for it.
- **Demi Acquoy presents Active Member Rewards**
    - Questions
      - No questions.
- **Demi Acquoy presents Totals**
    - Questions
      - Casper van Tongeren: You said that the leftover money, the 7000 as of expected, will be going on the savings account. Is there any purpose for that money or anything that you want to spend this on? I notice that over the past couple of years, we have made a slight profit, which is not really what you want as an association.
      - Demi Acquoy: At least 5000 will go to the Lustrum and 1700 will go to the savings account. It can never hurt to have something to cover the savings up again, since they decreased a bit in the recent past.
      - Liz Masselink: I would really recommend you guys for this year that 7000 euros in the plus at the end of the year isn't a good thing, so please spend as much money as you can. That's all.

## 7. Update on Policy

- Committee development:
  - Hybrid committee names:
    - Martijn van der Zee: We stated that we would change the names of each committee into Hybrid names, with the first part being Dutch (compared to the English names before) and the second part being either Dutch or English (depending on the language of correspondence) and that is the committee written out. Like Actie, the Activity Committee. We changed this. Internally, we can still use Actie.
  - Streamlining of committees

- Martijn van der Zee: We stated that we preferred quality over quantity regarding our drinking activities and had thus decided to decrease the amount of them in the year schedule. We said we would host 5 Borrels instead of 6, 2 parties instead of 4, 4 Barcies instead of 5 and that there would be a maximum of two promotion Borrels for the Reiscie, Wintersportcie and Rallycie. We implemented this in the year schedule.
  - Optimizing committees
    - Martijn van der Zee: We changed the Online Committee into the Webcie for this year, a committee that makes online productions. We stated that the Board would take over if no interest was shown in it, to make sure people saw the potential of the committee. Due to some circumstances, the committee members that were in it decided to quit, meaning the Board took over. The first production is coming!
    - Rallycie:
      - Martijn van der Zee: Unfortunately this committee did not attract any members and has thus been disbanded for this year.
    - Committee manuals:
      - Martijn van der Zee: The Board had decided to change the manuals into a yearly updated presentation that is to be given by the former chair and the contact person to the new chair. We will start on this in the 2nd semester since the first was busy for us. Now that we're settled in we can make the presentations!
  - Convention
    - Martijn van der Zee: All leftover money of the LEX, Opcie and Pedcie will go to the Congresscie as stated in our Policy.
- Involvement
  - Committee ten budget
    - Martijn van der Zee: It has been decided that we will postpone the committee ten budget deadline until the end of March. It used to be the 31<sup>st</sup> of January, but it has been moved. Why March? Because if it's not spent by then, we can move part of it to the Active Member Weekend.
  - Member initiative:
    - Martijn van der Zee: One is being organized and another idea has been unofficially suggested.
  - General Meetings
    - Martijn van der Zee: We had decreased the amount of planned GMs to 3 because one has been deemed redundant. We also initiated the CoCo and did 3 small assignments beside one large one for the BotC.
- Questions
  - Juli Dylla: I don't know if I missed it, I haven't heard the committee ten deadline was March. Last I heard was that it was there for the rest of the academic year. In my opinion, we thought that our committee would do something in the summer when everything is open again. Would it be good to say you want to do something but not spend the money before the end of March?
  - Martijn van der Zee: We thought about it, but you can also buy things like vouchers or gift cards that you can reimburse in March, so that you can book something later with them. If you know something good, then buy vouchers or buy something that you can use in the future.
  - Juli Dylla: That's a good idea, thanks.
- Accessibility
  - Corona Regulations

- Martijn van der Zee: We made multiple documents regarding our regulations and have uploaded those on the website. I will now show you the newest of the documents currently on the website, since that's quite handy. These are arrangements per lockdown phase.
    - **Martijn van der Zee presents 'Room regulations per lockdown phase'**
      - Questions:
        - Sjoerd van den Assem: I have to say that I think this looks very well thought out, because you put this on the website, right?
        - Martijn van der Zee: Yes.
        - Sjoerd van den Assem: I think this gives a lot of clarity to members, both active and non-active, and I think it's good that this aligns with the phases from the government.
        - Martijn van der Zee: Thank you.
        - Liz Masselink: If the regulations change by the government and they become better, are you going to announce on social media which phase the VSPVU is in as well?
        - Martijn van der Zee: Yes, and we will also clarify it.
- VSPVU room workplace
  - Martijn van der Zee: We have not initiated the VSPVU room workplace due to the really limited amount of people that were allowed in the room during the whole academic year. If more than 10 people are allowed in the room, we will initiate this. This is based on the 2+8 rule that we will have in a certain lockdown phase.
- Promotion
  - LinkedIn
    - Martijn van der Zee: The Policy Plan states that we would update LinkedIn twice a month. This we did and we started in September.
  - Lecture talks
    - Martijn van der Zee: We have sent monthly lecture talks to each course coordinator and most have uploaded them to their Canvas page in a way. We stated that from January onwards physical lectures were to be expected and that we would thus also go physical. This however is not the case and we will continue with online lecture talks until that changes.
  - Monthly Agenda
    - Martijn van der Zee: Stefan Canic uploads this every first weekday of the month with everything we have coming, which is in accordance with our policy.
  - Monthly Compilation
    - Martijn van der Zee: This is uploaded in unison with the monthly agenda, which we have not failed in.
  - Promotion in Room
    - Martijn van der Zee: When the room opens up we will show a slideshow with pictures of past events.
- Merchandise
  - Martijn van der Zee: We have our first merchandise product in the room as of now and will sell if we open up. The second piece of merchandise is on its way and we will inform you about that in the future. We're already quite far in the preparations for this.
    - Questions
      - Alessandro Gazzola: Until what date do we have to pick up the sweaters? I didn't pick it up yet and now the room is closed.

- Martijn van der Zee: You can pick it up when the room opens up again. Just come and get it after that. After that time, we might set a deadline until we move them to the storage, but for now times are very uncertain.
    - Liz Masselink: I was wondering, can you also order the merchandise online and pick it up later?
    - Martijn van der Zee: We don't have an option for this.
    - Demi Acquoy: I will have contact with the store coordinator of the MFVU to try and set this up.
    - Martijn van der Zee: Good idea, by the way.
    - Andrew de Ruiter: You can also just make a form with the price on it that you pay for it with iDeal and that you receive an email with the receipt that you can come pick it up, just an email from the admin.
    - Martijn van der Zee: That's also a good idea, we will look into this and great suggestion.
- Members
  - Amount of Members
    - Martijn van der Zee: This year we aimed for 51% of all first years to become a member. We are currently 21 members short for this goal, but we hope that when more international students arrive they will be interested in becoming a member. Regarding Master members, we are 5 short of our goal of 55, meaning we are on 50. Even though we are short, we aimed really high with this because it went really well in the first few weeks of the year and we're quite happy with the amount of Master members we recruited this year.
  - New Members
    - Martijn van der Zee: The first WTA was cancelled due to a lack of participants. We still hope to plan another one if the regulations allow it, but have thus decided to postpone it. We will plan another activity on the day WTA was in the year schedule and hope to have a second WTA later.
  - Study Sessions
    - Martijn van der Zee: We have not been able to host physical study sessions yet. We have had alternatives and hope to still host a physical version of this in the future. We have shared daily stories and coming exam week, we will also host a quiz about each 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year subject and we hope you like that idea and see it as an extra incentive to study a little more and attend this event.
- External
  - Neighbor associations
    - Martijn van der Zee: We have not yet had the opportunity to join a Borrel of our neighbors and have decided that if there is a limited amount of sign-ups due to Corona, we will not go there because their own members should have priority over us. If there will be a Borrel without a max no. of people, then we will go to one, because the relationships are nice to have.
  - Drinking events outside of Amsterdam
    - Martijn van der Zee: We stated that with drinking events outside of Amsterdam at least one person in possession of a driver's licence would remain sober, if there would be a car present. We have not yet had to do this.
  - Variation in Promotion Borrel venues
    - Martijn van der Zee: We stated that no two committees could use the same venue for their promotion Borrels to provide variation in this. However, no

- committee has had the opportunity to host a physical promotion Borrel yet.
- Questions:
    - Casper van Tongeren: about the neighbour associations. I'm not sure if their online events have a participant limit, but should the situation remain the same as now, I suggest you join an online event of theirs, because you know how much fun it can be, or you could do it solely for the completion of the policy point.
    - Martijn van der Zee: Good one, I don't think their online events have a participant limit so we will look into this.
  - Internal
    - Deadline stay a member
      - Martijn van der Zee: We promoted the deadline to make people decide if they wanted to stay a member with two posts on Instagram/Facebook. We also posted stories about this. The turn-out was lower than expected and we will thus change the procedure. More will follow about this later.
    - Calamity plan
      - Martijn van der Zee: We will make the Calamity Plan in the 2nd semester and present it at the latest during the first GM of the academic year 2021-2022.
  - Continuation
    - WhatsApp among active members
      - Martijn van der Zee: We have made a WhatsApp group among active members.
    - Birthday and Christmas cards
      - Martijn van der Zee: We have sent a few birthday cards to our members and we have sent Christmas cards to our members. We started a tad bit late with the birthday cards. Let us know if you haven't received a Christmas card, because we did send them.
    - Pub crawl before a Borrel
      - Martijn van der Zee: We still have to host a physical Borrel with a pub crawl preceding it. We will still do this if we have the opportunity to do so. In the instance of the last Borrel, the BBQ Borrel, we will not do it since we already have the BBQ preceding the Borrel and we are of the opinion that that would be a little overkill.
    - Chairman contact before the GBM
      - Martijn van der Zee: We stated we would contact our chairmen before every GBM to discuss what they were going to say, which we did.
    - Debit Card
      - Martijn van der Zee: If the treasurer would want to use the board debit card, the contract has to be checked by the vice-treasurer. This however has not yet happened, but we will if it would occur.
    - Alumni & Welcome to Amsterdam
      - Martijn van der Zee: We had to cancel the first WTA, but plan to do a second one. We also still have to plan an alumni Borrel and we will, although we hope we can host it physically. If not, we'll find an online alternative.
    - Idea box
      - Martijn van der Zee: We have the idea box, but nothing has been put in the physical one since the room was mainly closed. The online one did have some entries and we are glad with some of the entries.
    - Consultations

- Martijn van der Zee: We still participate in the consultations SSPN, LOOP, G5, UVO, FSOGB plus additional Career Week and Core Faculty Meetings.
  - Questions:
    - Sjoerd van den Assem: I wanted to remark that you mentioned a couple of times that some of the policy points aren't doable due to Corona, as long as you have good reasons that you cannot do them, it's not that bad that you cannot fulfil all of your policy points. Don't feel bad if you don't get your points, as long as you have clear reasoning why and have tried to be creative to work around COVID as much as possible.
- 8. **Update on Financial Statement**
  - Martijn van der Zee: And now it's Demi Acquoy's time to shine again for the budget.
  - **Demi Acquoy presents Income.**
    - Questions
      - Sjoerd van den Assem: I have a question about the sponsorship. You mention 2 vacancy posts that were posted a while back. Do you have any more deals on the planning still?
      - Sofia Mendez Quiros: I'm working on 2 really big sponsorships right now. One is called TEFL: a big venue that we can use that is intended for social experimenting, but I'd rather elaborate more on that once it's settled; and someone who wants a contract with us for a full year. There's a lot of stuff coming up.
      - Sjoerd van den Assem: Do you think you're going to manage the €1500?
      - Sofia Mendez Quiros: Yes, I think so, if these deals go on, then I will get there.
      - Sjoerd van den Assem: Don't forget to keep on searching for more in case the deals fall through.
      - Sofia Mendez Quiros: Yes, we're also working on small sponsorships just in case.
      - Sjoerd van den Assem: Okay, good.
      - Iris Doodeman: I had the meeting with Theo, so if you want, I can elaborate on the VU Bookstore?
      - Demi Acquoy: Yes.
      - Iris Doodeman: He told me that the book sales are actually going pretty well and that it actually seems like people are buying more books than usual since they seem to get less support in class, he thinks that that's the reason that people are buying more books. He also said that the books for period 4 just came in and that they have actually already started selling and that that's actually altogether going pretty well.
      - Demi Acquoy: Maybe strange to ask this here, but do you think that we should increase this post?
      - Iris Doodeman: I haven't talked numbers with him, so I don't know.
  - **Demi Acquoy presents Board activities.**
    - Questions
      - Sjoerd van den Assem: Doing your CoBo on the Wednesday after AMW is brave. Prepare yourselves.
      - Demi Acquoy: That was the only convenient week in which we weren't interfering with other committees. One tough week in a slow and quiet board year should be doable. We'll go for the full Board experience.
      - Martijn van der Zee: About joining the 75<sup>th</sup> Board: The only regret that I have about doing a board year is not being board during a lustrum

year. Imagine having a board year and a lustrum on top of it, that's going to be epic.

- **Demi Acquoy presents Committees.**

o Questions

- Liz Masselink: I was wondering about the down payment of the Feestcie, if Corona screws it up again, do you get the money back from the deposit?
- Demi Acquoy: No, but the event can be rescheduled until 2023.
- Liz Masselink: Okay, is the Webcie planning on spending the 100 euros or is that not clear yet?
- Demi Acquoy: That's not clear yet. Now we are working on a react video. That needs no money, but if we start making podcasts, I don't know if people will charge money or if we need to invest in a microphone, so we wanted to keep this money just in case.
- Demi Acquoy: I want to say that you have to spend your money, committees, I know its hard to spend money on online events, but go big for your final events or think of something nice.

- **Demi Acquoy presents Board Expenses.**

o Questions

- No questions.

- **Demi Acquoy presents Investments**

o Questions

- Demi Acquoy: For the VSPVU room, we were wondering if there's something that you're missing in the room or something that you'd like to see. We need your help.
- Isa Witteman: More plants, I can help.
- Demi Acquoy: We talked about this, but they would die very fast.
- Isa Witteman: I can take care of them, no worries.
- Demi Acquoy: Haha, then during the holidays you have to come by to water them. We could discuss it again.
- Alessandro Gazzola: We have desert plants in our apartment, some of them last for months without water and they aren't expensive.
- Demi Acquoy: I think we have to discuss plants again in the Board Meeting, guys.

- **Demi Acquoy presents Active Member Rewards**

o Questions:

- No questions.

- **Demi Acquoy presents Totals**

o Questions:

- No questions.

9. **Updated Financial Statement**

- **Demi Acquoy presents Income.**

o Questions

- Andrew de Ruiter: Do I understand that you didn't change membership and if so, do you still expect to get your goal?
- Demi Acquoy: We want to keep on looking if period 4 or period 5 will bring more internationals to the Netherlands. We have no idea what will happen and we really want to try and wait if the second semester will give us more members.
- Martijn van der Zee: There's still a few hundred international students in their home country waiting for the lockdown to end so that they can come here. Membership is not advantageous now that they're not in



Amsterdam, but once they get here, it will be and they might get their membership.

- **Demi Acquoy presents Board activities.**
  - Questions
    - No questions.
- **Demi Acquoy presents Committees.**
  - Questions
    - Shannon Fredison: I know we've been through the budget already last week as well, but the 300 euros is what we have to work with this year, right?
    - Demi Acquoy: yes, this is your overall budget, so your first event is included.
    - Shannon Fredison: What are the 1200 and 900 in the other columns?
    - Demi Acquoy: Ah yes, sorry, I should have explained this in the beginning. The first column is the overall expenses that we expect. The second column is the expected income. So in total you have 1200 to spend, but this is again an estimation.
    - Liz Masselink: Why did you, at Wintersportcie, estimate that they will spend 18.000 euros? I don't really think that is accurate.
    - Demi Acquoy: That's true, I forgot to adjust it.
    - Liz Masselink: Maybe change that to something that is more accurate, because that will never be spent.
    - Demi Acquoy: Will do.
- **Demi Acquoy presents Board Expenses.**
  - Questions
    - No questions.
- **Demi Acquoy presents Investments**
  - Questions
    - No questions.
- **Demi Acquoy presents Active Member Rewards**
  - Questions
    - Liz Masselink: I think it's good that you added the post member well-being and I was wondering if you have plans for it already?
    - Demi Acquoy: Yes, we spent money on it already. It was a balloon for a chairman.
    - Liz Masselink: It's really good that you do that, especially in these times.
    - Alessandro Gazzola: About the member wellbeing, could it be possible to plan something, to organise ourselves and see options and get involved, like if we have an idea for something, we can say that that something could be a good idea?
    - Demi Acquoy: We haven't thought about this, but we can discuss this, that you can maybe nominate someone who you think is struggling with something, you can always contact one of us and we can talk about it. Then in the end we can make a final decision if we do something with it.
- **Demi Acquoy presents Totals**
  - Questions
    - No questions.

## 10. Voting

- Martijn van der Zee: Iris Doodeman will now explain the voting procedure
- **Iris Doodeman explains voting procedure**
  - Updated budget 2020-2021

- In favour: 28
- Against: 3
- Neutral: 6

## 11. Webcie & Rallycie icons

- Martijn van der Zee: We will now show you the new Webcie & Rallycie Icons and we after this point we will vote about it. These are the new icons:
- **Martijn van der Zee presents icons Webcie & Rallycie**
- Questions
  - Casper van Tongeren: Could you please give us the thought process why you decided to go for these icons?
  - Martijn van der Zee: For the Rallycie, the basic idea is that you go by car to a destination, so we decided to go with something car-related. We settled for either of these two. For the Webcie, since it's an online production that we will show or let people hear, we went for the broadcast signal because of online posting and attempting to reach people. Also because we make productions that you can play and view, we went for the television.
  - Andrew de Rooter: I would like to express that the Webcie icon on the right looks off-centre.
  - Martijn van der Zee: It is. If voted in, the icon will be moved to the centre. It's too far to the right, you're sharp.
  - Casper van Tongeren: And it's too high.
  - Sjoerd van den Assem: I like it this way!
  - Martijn van der Zee: If voted in, it will be centred.

## 12. Voting

- Martijn van der Zee: Iris Doodeman will now explain the voting procedure.
- **Iris Doodeman explains voting procedure.**
  - Rallycie Icon 1: Car
    - In favour: 9
    - Against: 23
    - Neutral: 4
  - Rallycie Icon 2: Car with suitcases
    - In favour: 30
    - Against: 6
    - Neutral: 0
  - Webcie Icon 1:
    - In favour: 15
    - Against: 16
    - Neutral: 0
  - Webcie Icon 2
    - In favour: 15
    - Against: 16
    - Neutral: 0
  - Question:
- Iris Doodeman: This means that the car with the suitcases is now the new icon of the Rallycie and that both the icons are voted out for the Webcie.
- Liz Masselink: I had a question about both Webcie logos. They look like existing logos: The first one looks like the Spotify logo and the second one looks like the old YouTube logo on your phone. Have you thought of copyright, because they are not that original?
- Martijn van der Zee: The copyright hasn't been thought of. The first one is the actual broadcast logo. The second one hasn't been thought about. It's an originally made logo by Stefan Canic, thus we hadn't discussed copyright.

- Liz Masselink: it spoke to me that I had seen them before, so that's why.
- Casper van Tongeren: Question: both of the logos got more votes against than in favour, which means that both got voted out, which means that you have to present them again. This happened in the 69<sup>th</sup> board, and they had to present a new icon in a later GM.
- Martijn van der Zee: I thought about that as well.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: I just wanted to add to Casper van Tongeren as well, that they are both voted out and that we cannot vote on them again, so they're out, but you can always host an emergency GM, depending on how fast and creative you can be, you can have a new logo, for example, next week and call an emergency GM for this, but personally I sent an idea for the logo to Demi Acquoy that could be more neutral as an inspiration. That might be an idea, you don't have to wait for months, but during the emergency GM you can only put this on the agenda, I just wanted to say that I think that it's good that things get voted out every once in a while, even though it's bad for you guys.
- Martijn van der Zee: About saying that it's bad for us: I don't think it is. We can set an emergency meeting in the future, but we will discuss this.
- Juli Dylla: We just had an idea for a logo and Jet de Wit sent it to Stefan Canic, so we wanted to tell you that you could look into this logo.
- Stefan Canic: This is the old online committee logo, but thank you.
- Juli Dylla: Ah, okay, never mind.

### 13. Corona update

- Martijn van der Zee: Yes here we are with another Corona update. Yesterday we had the press conference and the conclusion is that lockdown has been extended by 3 weeks unfortunately. This means that the room will also remain closed, as stated in the document I showed earlier. We as Board monitor the situation closely every week and will notify you if needed. We are also aware of the mutated version of the virus and are also researching that. The things about it that we know now are that the mutations mainly effect the way it attaches to- and enters the body. This mutation on the so called spike protein makes it enter the body quicker. It looks like no other proteins have been altered a lot, meaning vaccines will still work.

### 14. Change in Yearly Contribution

- Demi Acquoy: We wanted to inform you about the upcoming change in the terms of yearly contribution. The current situation is that the VU wants to know how many 'active' members each association has. Not the active members that are in committees, but members that are still studying Psychology or Pedagogical Sciences and are the target audience of the association. Around the new calendar year, the member file with all the members that pay the yearly contribution that they want to stay a member is sent to the VU and based on that document the VU makes a decision if an association is fulltime or part time and the profiling fund. The profiling fund is the money we get for being a Board member. The rules of this fund are changing, and we will get more information about this around April when they are re-evaluating everything. If you want to know the changes in the rules, I can present those during the next General Meeting. Any questions at this point?
  - o Questions:
    - Andrew de Ruiter: Do you expect any changes with the contributions to members, or just internally?
    - Demi Acquoy: The rules for profiling fund are changed this year and the other rules are looked at next year.
    - Andrew de Ruiter: So the changes aren't reflected to the members?

- Demi Acquoy: For the profiling fund no, but the contribution might, because they are trying out whether this works or not. If it doesn't, they might go back to the life-long memberships again.
- Demi Acquoy: This rule has been implemented, I believe, in the year 72 (academic year 2018/2019) was in charge. That year was the transition year that the member file was based upon how many members checked the box on the website to stay a member. Since 73 (academic year 2019/2020), the yearly contribution had to be installed, so the member file is based on how many people check the box to stay a member and those people have to pay 5 euros. The official rule of the VU is not checking the box, but they count the amount of people that pay at least 5 euros a year. The association can choose for themselves the amount of money they want to charge yearly, with a minimum of 5 euros. If you don't charge yearly contribution the profiling fund will be declined, and the Board will not receive compensation for their work. Any questions at this point?
  - Questions:
    - No questions.
- Demi Acquoy: Our experience told us that a lot of people do not check the box yearly, because people forget or don't care anymore. Due to this, we lost around 1200 members this year only. For the Board it's also a lot of work to actively promote that people have to check the box. We thought that this could be easier for the members as well as for all the upcoming Boards. What if we change the yearly contribution to a subscription? If you become a member of the VSPVU from 1st of February (begin of second semester) onwards, you won't be asked to check the box to stay a member every year, but you agree that the yearly contribution will be charged from your account every September and if you don't want to stay a member anymore, you have to terminate your membership, either by e-mail or via the site. We will not change the amount of yearly contribution, so in your first year you pay 35 euros, so 30 euros are registration fee and 5 euros for contribution, and every September the 5 euros will be taken of your account. I did my research on this and we are allowed to change it like this. What does this mean for you? If you became a member in the year 2018/2019 or before that, you don't have to pay the yearly contribution, since you signed the deal to stay member for life, but you do have to check the box for administration purposes. If you became a member in the year 2019/2020 and the first semester of 2020/2021 you have to check the box yearly as well, because that's what you signed for. If you become a member in the second semester of 2020/2021 onwards, you don't have to check the box on the website and you will pay the yearly contribution as long as you don't terminate your membership. On the long term, this saves the Board a lot of work and we won't lose such large amounts of members anymore. Any questions or remarks?
  - Questions
    - Casper van Tongeren: About the automatic subscription fee, make sure that this is incorporated somewhere black on white, so that they at least know that this can happen and is going to happen.
    - Demi Acquoy: This is going to happen. If I have all your opinions, we can implement this more and it will follow on the website as well as an update on the socials and it will be on the authorization form and it will be marked on the website when you sign up as a member there.
    - Andrew de Ruiter: Obviously, you said that you did your research, but I do want to stress that you may have to double-check this a 1000 times, because there might be one sentence somewhere that people have to consent to this every year, so look at this so that you don't screw up your own board fund.

- Demi Acquoy: I talked to the Student Assessor of the Faculty and to Esther and he said do what you want, and the VIB does it this way already as well.
- Andrew de Ruiter: Okay, but just because another person does it, doesn't mean that you should do it as well.

### 15. Idea Box

- Martijn van der Zee: I will now read the newest entries into the idea box. The first one we have is from Andrew de Ruiter:
  - "Make a form on a link, something like [vspvu.com/quote](https://vspvu.com/quote) where it is only one description item, to which people can send in quotes. Then either make all new entries go directly to the [chronicles@vspvu.com](mailto:chronicles@vspvu.com) or don't do anything at all, and send them all quotes in April or so. That way people can just go to that link to fill in a quote, which might make it easier to send in stuff (especially when people don't feel like doing much effort for VSPVU when you cannot actually visit any physical events). I think this is a solid idea which will make the acquisition of quotes more accessible and might increase the amount of quotes." We will try to see if we can implement this.
- Martijn van der Zee: The next one is from Alessandro:
  - "The vast majority of students and expats have a real struggle in finding houses. There are thousands of students throughout the city of Amsterdam which live in illegal registration. This problem is present throughout the Netherlands, with worse impacts on the bigger cities, such as, The Hague, Rotterdam and Amsterdam. Moreover, it is not limited to young students either, the older population (75+) have a lot of struggles as well. This is because nationally The Netherlands has a growing population which increases the demand for dwellings more and more, increasing the prices, which in turn limit the accessible houses for the elders and young students who tend to have less income. If this wouldn't be enough, most of the tenants will add in the requirements to not be students, when everyone knows Amsterdam has a lot of students. There already a lot of programs to increase the capital for investments in house renting and real estate associations try to solve the demand and offer imbalance. But the efforts are not enough and the housing crisis just keeps growing, just like homelessness. Furthermore, this problem affects everyone. It affects young couples who want to buy a house, expats who just came to Netherlands and older adults who plan to retire. Houses will always be needed, by everyone. This is probably one of the reasons why investors take around 20% of the properties present in the market. Making them play a big role in the pricing for both renting and selling. There are many other reasons why we should take action. And, this is why I believe the VSPVU should try to support the students in this matter and build some pressure on the Amsterdam City Council and the universities to provide more options for housing."
    - Martijn van der Zee: This is a serious issue that has been going on in the Netherlands for a long time. We cannot guarantee we have any ability to pressure the city council in this, but we will see what we can do. Most likely this will go via the USR.
    - No questions.

### 16. Important Dates

- a. January 14: Borrel #3
- b. February 4&5: Mentor Selections
- c. February 9: LEX #2
- d. February 11: Gala

- e. February 18: Welcome to Amsterdam #2
- f. February 24: Barcie #2
- g. February 25: Opcie #1
- h. June 2: General Meeting #4

**17. Winner of the CoCo**

- Martijn van der Zee: Sofia Mendez Quiros will now announce the winner of the CoCo from this meeting!
- Sofia Mendez Quiros: Nobody has announced Bingo and 3 committees have 5 points neck-on-neck, so we have a small issue with the winners.
- Martijn van der Zee: Then everyone send your bingo card to Sofia Mendez Quiros and then we will check the amount of points that you checked and we will see if we have a winner.
- Sofia Mendez Quiros: there are 2 winners because there are 2 committees that have the same amount of points: The Barcie and the Illusie.
- Martijn van der Zee: Congratulations! You will both receive a price. You guys won a piece of clothing for your committee mascot! We will contact you about it so we can choose something and order it.

**18. A.O.B.**

**19. Questions**

**20. Closing: 21:19**