

GENERAL MEETING #3

28/02/2024

18:00

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1. Opening

Julia Horsmans opens the meeting at 18:01.

2. Announcements

- Anaïs van Schalen will join us at 18.30.
- Isabel Bartels will join us at 19.15.
- Reka Hadas has to leave at 20.30 and authorises Dylan Ingelse to vote.
- Kirsten Göbel can't be here and authorises Dylan Ingelse to vote.
- Isabelle de Jong can't be here and authorises Selin Elcheik to vote.
- Ana Henriques Fürst can't be here and authorises Julia Horsmans to vote.
- Vera Cobas Vázquez can't be here and authorises Julia Horsmans to vote.

- Julia Horsmans: We have an announcement from Simon Westhoff.
- Simon Westhoff: I have decided to step down from the Board to focus on my mental health and my studies. Me and the Board mutually came to this decision. I was struggling to find a balance between all my duties as Board, work, sports, friends and family and studies. I noticed because I was trying to balance too many things none of them got the attention and commitment they deserved. That is why I decided it would be best to step down from the Board and let the other members take over my tasks. I will however remain active in the association as a member of Feestcie in the role of Secretary as their Secretary decided to leave the committee. After their secretary stepped down Nil Yüksel asked me to join their committee. I was their contact person and really appreciated the relationship we have established. I also still wanted to remain active in the association. I would be happy to answer any questions either now or later in private.

Julia Horsmans presents GBM Bingo.

3. Approval of Transcript

4. Approval of Agenda

- Julia Horsmans: First we are going to present the Long Term Plan 2023-2026. Then we will update you on how the year is going regarding the policy plan. After that we will present our financial statement. Then we will propose the new budget. And after that we will move on to voting on both the Long Term Plan and the new budget. For the last part we will read out the Idea Box and look into important dates for the upcoming months.

5. Long Term Plan

Julia Horsmans presents the Long Term Plan 2023-2026.

- Julia Horsmans: I will present the long term plan for 2023-2026. This document has been made by the past three Boards and captures the vision they have for the upcoming years, starting with our year.
- Lotta Heijnen: Isn't the chair of the 76th Board presenting the Long Term Plan and supposed to be here for questions?
- Julia Horsmans: He is supposed to be here for question but not to present as past Boards are not authorised to do so. So, I will present it.
- Mandy Schunselaar: He will be here in a couple of minutes.

Žygimantas Pupelis arrives.

Julia Horsmans presents the Preface.

Julia Horsmans presents The 76th Board of the VSPVU.

Julia Horsmans presents the Introduction.

Julia Horsmans presents Current State of Affairs.

- Demi Acquoy: You can remove the sentence 'There are around 75 active members'. This has been officially voted in in September so it is future.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Will do.
- Dylan Ingelse: Is there a reason why this part specifically is not in the Long Term Plan only.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Because it was sent today.

Julia Horsmans presents the Long Term Plan.

Julia Horsmans presents Membership

Julia Horsmans presents Commissioner Communication and Media.

Julia Horsmans presents Social Safety.

Julia Horsmans presents Faculty.

Julia Horsmans presents General Meetings.

- Danique Pater: Is there another part on General Meeting?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Regarding suggestions? These are explaining the problem and at the end there is an attachment that has suggestions.

Julia Horsmans presents Committees.

Julia Horsmans presents Epilogue.

Julia Horsmans presents Attachment.

Julia Horsmans presents Membership.

- Dylan Ingelse: It said to maybe integrate it with intro week, but how feasible is that with the current budget? How are you going to do that if you are going to spend more money to get members there?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Maybe the idea is to incorporate it in the intro week ticket. They buy a more expensive ticket, but VSPVU provides free entrance for example. It will cost more money, but it will potentially contribute to yearly contributions which in the long run will be beneficial.
- Selin Elcheik: About becoming a member while getting an intro week ticket. I was wondering if you were getting in contact with the intro related Board? Maybe the party could be free. Is this an idea you have or have you heard that this would be a possibility?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: This was just an idea. I asked Esther if it was possible. She told me she is going to get back to me.
- Selin Elcheik: It might be a possibility. The Board has to see.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Yes.
- Edmond Agabekian: Membership right now is 35 and then you pay 5 euros yearly. Is it an idea to reconsider and lower the entry free and up entry fee? In the long term that would be more money.

- Žygimantas Pupelis: It is an idea but paying 15 euros as a second-year member or 10 that would lead to a lot of people dropping out. First, we need to get back to a full time Board. Increasing contribution would incline it. It is an idea but not sure how feasible it would be.
- Edmond Agabekian: If you lower the entry fee from the start, it allows first year students to have an easy option for coming. Once they see how fun it is, you won't mind the 15 euros a year. They might not want to pay 35 when they do not know what to expect. Maybe first make the yearly price higher and then a couple of years later lower entry free. You have to work towards something.
- Demi Acquoy: I think it is a really good idea. We have some savings which you can invest to fill up the gap maybe. I don't know what your opinion is on that, Lucas Ehrlich.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Reply to Edmond Agabekian. I think it would be a good idea to lower the obstacle of becoming a member because people don't know what to expect. The problem is more: how do you convince everybody to pay triple?
- Danique Pater: You can have a transition period. It will stay the same for people that are already a member and do it for new members.
- Edmond Agabekian: That would be good what Demi Acquoy and Danique Pater said. Because the old members also don't pay yearly contribution. I think it would be fair to change that as well. You have to slowly change it. A transition period. In 2-3 years, everyone pays the same. Go from 5 to 10 and then go to 15. You have to figure out how the numbers work out.
- Simon Westhoff: I think it wouldn't be fair for people that are paying 35 now to pay more later. You need to have a clear cut off period and otherwise see how other associations do it with their yearly contribution. Maybe 15 or 20. Something like that.
- Demi Acquoy: You cannot change it due to the terms and conditions. But the old members will die out soon. So, decrease the first year and keep 5 euros. Fill the gap with the first-year money. You cannot change the terms and conditions for the people that joined before.
- Karlo Welch: Not the best angle to go for higher membership contributions since we are all students. The 35 entries make sense. When that was introduced that is when the decline of new members started. There must be another better angle. Maybe faculty. Is their contribution the same? I think we need to go to faculty instead of the people.
- Lucas Ehrlich: I hope to be able to answer your question. Demi Acquoy you proposed that terms and conditions can't be modified. They pay the same amount. At the same time, faculty made it possible that there can't be members that don't pay anything.
- Demi Acquoy: Yes, but you can change the 35 to 20 and cover that. Future Boards cannot fill in that gap. You can use the savings. You have more members due to a decrease in contribution. You base it on the previous budget and it's a gap as well to change the whole contribution. You will miss out 1000s of euros the first year. You can maybe invest savings to see if it actually works.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: I will add it into the Long Term Plan and future Boards can decide their plan.
- Laura Kirin: I understand there is more bachelor than master members. How will you attract master students? There aren't a lot. They are also welcome.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Master students. Currently this year master borrel has happened. Hopefully more members come from there. Lecture talks have been had. Little by little, maybe they are going to get there. Maybe future Boards can decide on an outing for master students to connect instead of a borrel. It is for future Boards to decide.
- Selin Elcheik: Master students pay a little less. Therefore, the focus is on bachelor. Every year aims to have one master event. That is where they get their members. The goal is lower. As members become master students. Other than that, it is maybe harder to reach. But there is an event every year.
- Simon Westhoff: If we would attract master students in the future it would be smart to combine it with more career related events. I think there is a lot of untapped potential for master students. I think we noticed that with lecture talks.

- Laura Kirin: I think promoting VSPVU among master students would be good. Especially for master students. It is a good way to integrate into society and get to know the community.
- Edmond Agabekian: You can do a battle of the masters.
- Karlo Welch: Or masters vs bachelors.
- Laura Kirin: I want to support the master competition. I shared a class with different RM tracks and I did not like them very much. I think it would be good to have master students see what their studies are like.
- Mandy Schunselaar: I think master events are very nice but at least with one year duration masters people don't have time. They have 4-day internships and classes. I don't think you would get a lot of master students for those kinds of events.
- Rohit Soebdhan: For the master students you could also lower the prices for LEX and raise prices for non-members. To give more discounts for masters.
- Demi Acquoy: These are only suggestions so maybe we could move on.
- Edmond Agabekian: If you have more suggestions send an email.
- Demi Acquoy: So 78th Board can implement them.

Julia Horsmans presents Commissioner Communication and Media.

- Demi Acquoy: The concept version. It sounds like you made a concept of the poster in InDesign. It was meant as a general idea of the vibe. Then the Commissioner Media and Communication can make the poster itself. So maybe rephrase the concept.
- Danique Pater: Why only focus on TikTok and not X.
- Edmond Agabekian: No one is on X.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: X could be added. Just the question is how many people are going to use it. As far as I know it is popular in America. But I can add it into the Long Term Plan and it is up to the Commissioner Media and Communication to decide if they will use it.
- Anais van Schalen: I think it would be too much work. It depends on how you would use it. I would think about it if you would use it for promotion. It would be too much. You are probably already adding TikTok. I assume making TikToks is a lot of work. To also have the pressure of having to keep X updated I think that is too much as a Commissioner Communication and Media. I think it would have been too much for me at least.
- Edmond Agabekian: I would say I get the hype about TikTok but I think the risky thing is that if you will implement it. Focus on Instagram as well. There are a lot of people that are not on TikTok. About X. I would not do X and focus on LinkedIn. There is nothing happening on LinkedIn. Master students are more on LinkedIn. People are only on X for gossip and news.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: This is a Long Term Plan and it is for the future. Maybe we don't use it but give it 3 years and they will be master students and they will use it. Give it 5 years and people will definitely be using TikTok.
- Anne Bruggink: About TikTok. I think it is great to attract new members. As far as promotion. If you make something on TikTok you can repost it on Instagram. Creating a video on TikTok is less work and then you can repost it.
- Adam Saidi El Hadri: I agree. I think the topic is debatable. If you look at our audience. Most international students are still quite young. It would be really good to find new members. You have people that don't use TikTok. Mostly older people. If you think about the future, I think TikTok is a really good thing to consider. If you start this year, they will see it before coming here. They can refer to the TikTok account on your for you page.
- Isabel Bartelds: Especially during intro week and choosing studies. I think the deadline is in January. I think it is especially very handy. TikTok where you are talking about the studies.
- Edmond Agabekian: I take back my point.

Julia Horsmans presents Social Safety.

Julia Horsmans presents Faculty.

Julia Horsmans presents General Meetings.

- Dylan Ingelse: You were talking about certain things being mandatory for committee members. How are you going to enforce that? Would that maybe not scare people off from becoming active?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Good questions. A lot of people haven't been in a single General Meeting and they are not planning to come. It would be nice to have at least one member be present. I think two people per committee are here. I think that of course you can't make it really mandatory, but it would be nice to have such requirements.
- Dylan Ingelse: What about scaring people off to become active members?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: I heard some General Meetings take 2 hours and sacrificing one evening shouldn't scare you off. At least you know what would be happening in the association and would expand knowledge. Or they can invite a friend to keep them company.
- Edmon Agabekian: There is a way to make it mandatory. You can change their regulations so that then there won't be a voting if people don't attend.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: To support Edmond Agabekian, SVU is currently doing it. It requires a little bit from everyone but the appeal that without you the association wouldn't run could work.
- Karlo Welch: Žygimantas Pupelis. Nice idea. It is going to make it a choir. Incentive. When I came, it was fun. There were drinks. It was chaotic but exciting.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Weren't that the years where they would last until after midnight. General Meetings should last shorter. Now we have limited access to buildings. Adding the drinks may increase the chaoticness. It is a good idea, but it is a suggestion.
- Danique Pater: Good idea on not reading everything out loud anymore. Also, because you don't have to give and incentive to people to come because it would only take a couple of hours and not the entire evening anymore.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Would you think it is a good idea to make documents like this to read it and prepare questions for it?
- Danique Pater: Put it online in the adequate form. Everyone can read it online. You can have a conversation about it without people having to process it.
- Dylan Ingelse: It might also be nice to put a pink elephant in those documents. If you find it, you get a drink or something. It might motivate people to read it.

Julia Horsmans presents Committees.

- Demi Acquoy: Is this the only part of committees? Are there no suggestions? Combining or changing committees?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: No just this.
- Demi Acquoy: Can you write a piece of this and we can add it after voting?
- Nil Yüksel: I think a Board member present at a meeting is pretty important. Not because they have to do surveillance. It is good for the relationship with the other members. You don't only talk about meetings but also personal stuff. It doesn't matter if the chair is more experienced. It is always good to have another opinion.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Sometimes committee meetings are long. Imagine having it 4 times a week. That would be a bit too much. Especially doing it every week throughout the year. Currently it is mandatory. There are some committee meetings where it is not necessary to be present. And it doesn't say that the Board members are not going to reconnect. After the meeting there could be a phone call or during. You are still going to get the feedback but there is a little bit more feedback for the Board member.
- Nil Yüksel: I understand it is a lot of work. And I get that some meetings can be long. Not all of them have to be. When it is long there is most likely a problem that needs to be solved. Having another more experienced person is very helpful. I get that we could call after. But that could lead to other meetings in the future to be longer. If the meeting is long, the Board member can leave.
- Julia Horsmans: I would like to respond. We are missing the point. The recommendation is to remove it being mandatory to be there at all the meetings. It is good to be there as much as possible, but it is good to remove

the requirement because it can be a bit much. There should be an option to say that you can handle it without me.

- Isabel Bartelds: I agree with Julia Horsmans. I think it depends on the committee. For the yearbook there is a lot more that needs to be checked. I really appreciate a Board member being there. Otherwise, we are doing work that doesn't make sense.
- David Geraedts: The only thing is that sometimes during meetings we would go a path with an event and say that it is not possible. If you hear that afterwards. Then you kind of lost a whole meeting. If you have a really competent chairs, it could work but for others it would be better to have a Board member present.
- Dylan Ingelse: During meetings only about for example promo it is not necessary. Sometimes random issues come up. We can try to solve it, but we do not know if it is possible from the Board. When there is a deadline, it can be hard. Make sure you are reachable. For example, last meeting we needed an answer. So maybe being reachable is an option instead of being there.
- Adam Saidi El Hadri: Suggestion. I know you guys have room shifts. You do things during the room shifts. Maybe because it is more time consuming to come into university for a specific day. Maybe you can find dates where you actually have room shifts. It doesn't have to be there the whole time. Or we can do the meeting and write down questions. Maybe try to find a middle ground.
- Anaïs: I think we can continue. Everything was set. It is not necessary. Not that they are going to be not reachable.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: The most important thing is that a Board member is to overlook everything and not add suggestions and ideas. So those meetings can be a little bit different.
- Edmond Agabekian: Make sure of what Dylan Ingelse said. Make it required to be reachable during the meeting.
- Anaïs van Schalen: The Long Term Plan is a recommendation.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Everyone's comments are heard. I will add them.

6. Update on Policy Plan

- Julia Horsmans: I will only be presenting the changes in the policy plan that have happened since the previous General Meeting.

Julia Horsmans presents Committee Development.

- Julia Horsmans: All committees are still on track.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Did the Sportcie have an event?
- David Geraedts: Not yet. In a few weeks. On the 14th of March. Promo goes out tomorrow.

Julia Horsmans presents Communication.

- Julia Horsmans: No additional changes. Statues are uploaded.

Julia Horsmans presents Members.

Membership

- Julia Horsmans: No additional changes.

New Members

- Julia Horsmans: Due to miscommunication with the VU bookstore we noticed we have missed around 50-100 members. We are now working together with the bookstore and people can sign up for the VSPVU when they are buying books. We got 1 additional member through the bookstore since the last General Meeting. So right now, we are at 166 new Bachelor members and 24 Master members.
- Demi Acquoy: Miscommunication with the bookstore?
- Esmee Blankers: At the start of the year we were receiving email of people signing up to the bookstore as a member to get discounts. But they didn't actually signed up and received the discount without paying

membership. I asked the Secretary of the 76th Board and she had never seen the emails and wasn't aware of the issue. We contacted the bookstore and it is fixed. People pay the membership fee to the bookstore when they sign up and the bookstore pays us twice a year.

- Demi Acquoy: This is a well-known problem. So, it is not new. But it is good you found a solution.
- Lucas Ehrlich: If it is a well-known problem, why isn't it addressed before?
- Demi Acquoy: It was known and addressed multiple times. They used to give out stickers.
- Esmee Blankers: We have resolved the issue already so it should be fine.

Committee Picture

- Julia Horsmans: We are still working on it.

Julia Horsmans presents Involvement and Events.

Room Opening Hours

- Julia Horsmans: Hours have been followed as stated.

GM Bingo

- Julia Horsmans: This is done.

Speelkwartier (recess)

- Julia Horsmans: Just like mentioned during the last General Meeting, attendance is low. Between the last GM and this one we have noticed that it is not working and therefore have decided to discontinue.
- Anais van Schalen: Are you doing it in a different way?
- Julia Horsmans: If for whatever reason the Board members present want to do it, they can do it. But with FCO it is way more difficult. Everything regarding drinking has to be requested way in advance.
- Isa Witteman: No more spontaneous drinks.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Did anyone contact FCO about this? You spoke with the Secretary of FCO? If every association would send emails for every drink, FCO would not work. Maybe contact them again.
- Esmee Blankers: Will do, thank you.
- Demi Acquoy: What does USR say about this?
- Julia Horsmans: The only things we have been in contact with about the USR is the new alcohol covenant. Which is a big issue.
- Danique Pater: I think you are due for a new bar. I would not get a new one if you can't use it. Maybe check with Bavaria if you can get bottles or cans. You can have more space.
- Lucas Ehrlich: The bar should last 8 years. We are on 7 years now. It will be picked up tomorrow and will go through cleaning and preparation this week. They didn't say anything about money.
- Dylan Ingelse: I think we shouldn't displace the bar with the events we still have.
- Danique Pater: No, it was only a suggestion if you are paying for the bar. Not if it is free.

Member Initiative

- Julia Horsmans: No update since last General Meeting.
- Dylan Ingelse: Since you are cancelling recess, shouldn't that be changed?
- Julia Horsmans: We have not discussed this but thank you for pointing it out.

Member Opinion

- Julia Horsmans: This is the same since the last General Meeting.

Introduction Event for Master Students

- Julia Horsmans: This is the same since the last General Meeting.

Route 77

- Julia Horsmans: This is the same since the last General Meeting. We have received more cars now, so keep up the good work!

Committee Sponsor

- Julia Horsmans: No update since last General Meeting.
- Demi Acquoy: Does this change since Simon Westhoff is not external anymore?
- Julia Horsmans: All Simon Westhoff's tasks have been divided so it will not change anything.
- Lotta Heijnen: How are you going to take up Simon Westhoff's role as a Board member?
- Julia Horsmans: All his tasks have been divided among all of us based on workload, free time and experience. The work is already divided. And we have come up with a system to work around current sponsors and new sponsors.
- Lotta Heijnen: So Melissa Sier stays education?
- Julia Horsmans: Yes.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Do you have a plan to catch up on sponsors?
- Julia Horsmans: Yes. We have. Simon Westhoff has been working with great platforms which he passed over to us. We will try to fill the gap.
- Simon Westhoff: As you will see. There will be a catch up in the financial statement. We have also tried to look at Opcie to see if we can find some money there. To build a more sustainable relationship.

Alumni

- Julia Horsmans: No update since last General Meeting. Still working on the newsletter.

Julia Horsmans presents Sustainability.

- Julia Horsmans: No update since last General Meeting.
- Mandy Schunselaar: There have been quite some events and activities where non sustainable decorations have been used.
- Julia Horsmans: We were not buying single use plastic. Things used were already in the room or storage. Committees have been using that. Regarding the balloons? Those are foil and no single use plastic.
- Mandy Schunselaar: I don't have an exact example but there have been events with single use balloons.
- Selin Elcheik: How do you guys think it is going so far? Have you found it easy to do that? How is it going? Can they make their events more sustainable?
- Julia Horsmans: I think it really depends on which committee. Some committees use a lot of decorations. But I do think there is already a really big change. I do agree some are thrown out. But if things are broken even though the goal is to reuse them, we will throw them out. I don't think we can have a 100% success rate.

Julia Horsmans presents Policy Continuation.

- Julia Horsmans: First blog posts are up.

Committee Ten

- Julia Horsmans: Almost all committees have done their committee ten. The deadline has been extended by two weeks due to the ski trip. If you have not done it yet; here is your reminder that you can book something in advance and still get your reimbursement.

Julia Horsmans presents Health and Safety.

- Julia Horsmans: We are still working on our social safety document. No additional updates since the last General Meeting.

Flexibility for Events

- Julia Horsmans: No additional updates.

Promotion

- Julia Horsmans: No additional updates.

External

- Julia Horsmans: We organised Faculty Day together with Vereniging in Beweging and Facultaire Studenten Raad Faculteit Gedrags en Bewegingswetenschappen. Furthermore, no additional updates.

Idea Box

- Julia Horsmans: Following this point exactly as stated in our policy plan.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Julia Horsmans: Following this point exactly as stated in our policy plan.

7. Update on Financial Statement

- Lucas Ehrlich: Following I will give an update on the finances of the association. Only the posts that have changed will be mentioned.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Income.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
Contribution: The incasso for membership took place.
Athena: The money for Athena came in from faculty.
Sponsorship: The money came in for RINO, Future Whiz and TentamenTrainingen. This last one came from faculty.
- Demi Acquoy: Athena came in? So, you can close it.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Board Activities.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
Board drinks: For our second borrel we did a round of drinks.
Mini events + food and beverages: For those of you who have worked with Bavaria, their bookkeeping is a bit chaotic. To make the overview clearer it will be reverted to one post: mini events, with a sub post of emballage.
Currently, we have 66 euros on this post, and we still have 120 litres of beer and 11 bottles of liquor in storage.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Committees.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
Actie: They had their second event which dug into their budget slightly. An incasso for the rental of shoes still has to take place which will lead to their expenses being lower.
Barcie: Their second event took place. They once again made a profit. Who knows maybe they are saving up for something big.
Congrescie: Faculty money came in.
Feestcje: They had their first event. Budget wise it was a great success. They made 300 profit. Some ticket sales from Paypal still have to be processed.
Lex: They had their second event. They still have quite some money left for their excursion.
Reiscie: The upfront payment took place. The accommodation and bus are paid. The incasso for the remaining amount still has to take place. Some tickets are still left over. Contact Julia if you still want to join.
Wintersportcie: Their sponsor paid and the hoodies were ordered.
- Simon Westhoff: Can you give some clarification on the flexpot?
- Lucas Ehrlich: As of right now the flexpot is on 300. No one applied for it.

- Demi Acquoy: How many tickets are left for Reiscie?
- Julia Horsmans: We are still waiting for some payments. And there are people that signed up recently. So, we are not sure exactly. Between 2-4.
- Danique Pater: How many members and non-members?
- Lucas Ehrlich: All members.
- Adam Saidi El Hadri: Why does it say 0 for Illusie?
- Lucas Ehrlich: Mentor selections have not been processed in bookkeeping.
- Adam Saidi El Hadri: Next meeting there will be something?
- Lucas Ehrlich: Next GM there will be changes.
- Demi Acquoy: Are there enough mentors?
- Sanne Davidse nods.
- Simon Westhoff: I was wondering. Will there be a second round for mentor selections?
- Sanne Davidse: There will not be a second round as we immediately have all the mentors we need.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Are you sure because that number tends to increase towards the end? Is that covered or not? Do you have extra in case it goes higher?
- Sanne Davidse: As far as we know we have enough to cover that as well.
- Adam Saidi El Hadri: Also reserve mentors.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Board Expenses.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
General Meeting: We cooked pasta at the last General Meeting.
Porto print board costs: Faculty paid.
Fixed costs: We had various costs like tap cleaning and the payment methods.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Investments.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
Promotion: We bought stickers and printed some posters.
VSPVU room: We bought a replacement table.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Where did you buy the stickers? Stefan Canic told me in the middle of my year that there was this company that did it way cheaper.
- Isa Witteman: We got a sponsor deal with Esmee Blankers's mom who makes stickers.
- Lotta Heijnen: On fixed costs, you are overspending?
- Lucas Ehrlich: Yes. Some of the fixed costs are under the wrong label and will be under transaction costs. There will be a re-evaluation in the next budget.
- Nil Yüksel: What is the Feestcie investment?
- Lucas Ehrlich: There is an investment for Feestcie gala as it is a pricey event. This post is removed from the budget that will be presented later on.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Active Member Rewards.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
Committee 10: Some members had their outing. Others not yet. That's why we extended the deadline.
Active Member Clothing: The incasso for the hoodies took place.
- Demi Acquoy: Why are you overspending on Active Member clothing?
- Lucas Ehrlich: One of the members signed up twice. They were charged twice.
- Demi Acquoy: You can move it to unforeseen and then you can close the post.
- Isabel Bartelds: When do we as chairs get our money back from committee 10?
- Lucas Ehrlich: Usually, reimbursements are done within two weeks of filling in the form. Yours is already paid.
- Lotta Heijnen: Why are you overspending on promo?

- Lucas Ehrlich: I will have a look at it.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Totals.

8. New Budget Proposal

- Lucas Ehrlich: There have been some complications financially. This is due mainly to unforeseen circumstances. For this reason a series of modifications have been implemented. I'm convinced this will only affect the working of the association from behind the scenes.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Income.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
Contribution: We had to lower it because of a miscommunication with the bookstore leading to a lot of missed membership. A modification has been made in the process of buying books that will prevent this issue.
Sponsorship: We lowered it by 900. This is due to no longer counting with a Board Member dedicated to the goal of getting sponsors. Nonetheless this task will be divided across the 5 of us, so we expect to still get part of it.
Bank account interest: There was more coming in than expected so this post goes up.
- Demi Acquoy: How many members do you have? How many yearly contributions?
- Lucas Ehrlich: 166 bachelor members and 24 master members.
- Demi Acquoy: Do you know how many people paid yearly contributions?
- Lucas Ehrlich: Yes but the payments that got bounced or with incorrect information still need to be done. Around 50 that still need to pay. I will have to look at the incasso for the yearly contribution that is paid.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Board Activities.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
Active Member Day: We spent a little less. The remaining money on this post will not be reallocated.
Active Member Weekend: This post is lowered by 250. This should still be fine without affecting the event.
Constitution Borrel: The remaining money on this post won't be reallocated. That's why it's lower.
- Demi Acquoy: You can close Active Member Day and constitution borrels. Were there any issues with Il Caffè with the CoBo?
- Lucas Ehrlich: They send the invoice late but no.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Committees.

- Lucas Ehrlich: Within the committees, there were a few modifications:
Feestcie: Is lowered by 300. They made a profit of 300 on their first event so this doesn't affect their committee.
Reiscie: Their budget is lowered by 300. They will still have enough to organise a fantastic trip.
Lucie: The investment of Lucie is lowered by 400. This shouldn't affect it too much, but in future years more money can be put aside leading up to the event.
Flexpot: Was removed, considering it's best to equally divide it. Besides, it wouldn't make that much of a difference for the working of a committee.
- Mandy Schunselaar: Do you think all committees are going to be fine without the flexpot?
- Lucas Ehrlich: From the working up until now, they are all doing fine financially. Most of them are making a profit. I don't expect committees to need it.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Isa Witteman. Did you encounter any money problems during lustrum week?
- Isa Witteman: It has been a while. I would say yes. But that was also mainly part of a sponsor deal that went wrong. With the proper planning and no shitty sponsors, it should be enough.
- Dylan Ingelse: About flexpot. You said it is fine. You said this year most committees are making a profit. Maybe you can put this into the future if flexpot isn't needed but why? Last year it was needed.

- Lucas Ehrlich: It depends on the budgeting of the committees and treasures. Also, when making the first estimated budget we looked at the last years. For example, Chronicles got flexpot last year and this year got more money at the start of the year.
- David Geraedts: If committees still have in mind to apply for the flexpot. Would there still be an opportunity for an alternative?
- Lucas Ehrlich: I don't think so no.
- Selin Elcheik: About lustrum week. The money was definitely enough. There were just a lot of complications.
- Danique Pater: I wanted to clarify on the flexpot. We are missing a lot of money and need to get it from somewhere. Otherwise the events have to be cancelled.
- Demi Acquoy: And for the flexpot you don't know which committees need the money. If you look at previous years, not many committees use it. The committees that normally request it got extra money and keep that money as well.
- Nil Yüksel: How did you decide on Feestcie got reduced.. You looked at previous years?
- Lucas Ehrlich: Feestcie previously had a gala. I didn't think it was necessary to keep 800 euros for probably one more party.
- Mandy Schunselaar: You said a lot of this is because committees making a profit. I was under the impression you cannot aim to make a profit as a committee. Your budget has to balance at 0. If that is the case, how are you then going to continue with a budget that is lower?
- Lucas Ehrlich: I am not motivating committees to make a profit, but I am trying to minimize the risk of making a loss. But this situation right now leaves committees to take more risk and spend the money on their last events.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: I heard Sportcie is organizing a big event and that we have 50 euros in this budget for the whole sports day. In my opinion, that is a bit low. Second question. During the Long Term Plan, the savings was mentioned. Why couldn't they be used?
- Lucas Ehrlich: For your first question. Sportcie is not a pilot, but a new committee. There is a lot of figuring out how it will work. I do agree 50 might be low to organise a sports day. Maybe it would be possible to see a budget before the next General Meeting. We considered the holes in the budget were able to be filled with modifications in the budget without using the savings. Going into the savings would make it more probably for future Boards to go and use the same solutions.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: As we are not trying to use the savings for a while now. It is just going to increase, and we are not going to use it. Are savings going to be implemented and in which ways?
- Lucas Ehrlich: We got a good insight in the savings we have. We have a part of it allocated to future events like Lucie and similar events. Having a clear picture has given us some ideas on how to use it for investments. But these investments are not yet completed.
- Dylan Ingelse: I do get you want to patch it up, but it was also mentioned in the Long Term Plan about contributions changes. Maybe it is better to put it into more emergent problems than this?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: But removing committee events and hurting the quality of its events is not good. For example, removing a gala which attracts a lot of non-members as well. A lot of problems could be solved.
- Lucas Ehrlich: The Gala is a biannual event as stated in the Policy Plan. It will take place next year.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: From what money?
- Lucas Ehrlich: The money that the 78th Board will invest in it.
- Žygimantas: The money that is going to come in from next year's Treasurer has to be taken out of somewhere here. So, anything you spend now you are saving from the next year's treasurer. Which will result in that it will be taken out of some other account.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Feestcie investment is something new that was done this year. It was not done for the previous gala's. They have managed. It lies with the 78 Treasurer.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: The gala used to happen every year and the galas before that would struggle with money anyway. But without the initial budget, all the gala have been struggling with the organization. We can discuss this in private.

- Dylan Ingelse: The gala was hard to organize because of inflation and the budget not inflating. That is why I still stick with the original. But if you do not choose an investment reconsider the gala because it will be very hard to organize speaking from experience.
- Selin Elcheik: A few years ago, when Barcie and Feestcie were combined the gala was hard to organise. The committee went for a little different party. Worst case you can use money for a different kind of party, not a gala.
- Danique Pater: I get the concerns because it will be hard but if any of you have a really good idea to make 700 bucks Lucas Ehrlich would really appreciate it.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: What is the point of savings? I'll see at the next General Meeting.
- Edmond Agabekian: I agree on that the 700 still should be there. Of course, we should look into a solution. But not that it is overlooked and thrown to the next Board.
- Lucas Ehrlich: I agree it shouldn't be overlooked. This budget has been quite conservative to avoid future problems. But if it does turn out we have higher income, Feestcie investment could be something to spend the money on.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Board Expenses.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
General Board Meeting: Is lowered by 150 as there are only 2 General Board Meetings left.
Fixed costs are a slight bit higher. This is a safety net as stuff is getting more expensive.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Investments.

- Lucas Ehrlich: Website, merchandise and misc investment are scrapped. We don't see them necessary for the remaining part of the year.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Active Member Rewards.

- Lucas Ehrlich: There have been no modifications.
- Mandy Schunselaar: There is a modification, but only 5 euros. On route 77.
- Lucas Ehrlich: This must be a mistake that I have overlooked. I will look into it.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Totals.

- Demi Acquoy: I want to give my compliments to Lucas Ehrlich. He had to reallocate a lot of money. He did it in a very fair way. Not for everyone but keeping the association's best interest. He did a really good job by reallocating it like this.

9. Voting

Results of the voting of the Long Term Plan 2023-2026:

- In favour: 33 votes
- Against: 0 votes
- Neutral: 2 votes

Results of the voting of the new budget proposal:

- In favour: 32 votes
- Against: 0 votes
- Neutral: 3 votes

10. Idea box

- Julia Horsmans: There were no new ideas in the idea box.

11. Important Dates

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| a. | March 18-21 | Study Sessions |
| b. | March 20 | Waffle Wednesday |
| c. | April 2 | Mini-Event: Easter |
| d. | April 12-14 | Active Member Weekend (AMW) |
| e. | April 17 | General Board Meeting #6 |
| f. | April TBA | Kings Day Event |
| g. | May 8 | Alumni Borrel |
| h. | May 21-24 | Study Sessions |
| i. | May TBA | Mini-Event |
| j. | June 5 | General Board Meeting #7 |
| k. | June 12 | General Meeting #4 |

12. A.O.B.

- Edmond Agabekian: I think we can be a bit more appreciative of people asking questions during General Meetings. If people are going to be told off, we are not going to have a nice time. And people who are here for the first time are not getting encouraged to ask questions. If it takes long, we can cut it off but let everyone ask their questions.

13. Questions or Comments

- Demi Acquoy: I am very proud that you are growing into your role as Board. It is nice to see you are doing really well.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Good job with the General Meeting.
- Isa Witteman: Thank you for being here everyone. We appreciate every one of you.

14. Closing

Julia Horsmans closes the meeting at 20:57.