

TRANSCRIPT OF GENERAL MEETING #4

12/06/2024

18:00

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1. Opening

Julia Horsmans opens the meeting at 18:09.

2. Announcements

- Ana Henriques Fürst can't be here and authorises Julia Horsmans to vote.
- Andrew de Ruiter can't be here and authorises Julia Horsmans to vote.
- Danique Pater can't be here and authorises Demi Acquoy to vote.
- Edmond Agabekian can't be here and authorises Selin Elcheik to vote.
- Hilbrand Thijs can't be here and authorises Melissa Sier to vote.
- Nil Yüksel can't be here and authorises David Geraedts to vote.
- Sanne Davidse can't be here and authorises Melissa Sier to vote.
- Vera Cobas Vázquez can't be here and authorises Isabelle de Jong to vote.
- Anaïs van Schalen will join us at 18:45.
- Žygimantas Pupelis will be 20 minutes late and authorises Mandy Schunselaar to vote in the meantime.
- Karlo Welch will join us at 20.30 and authorises Selin Elcheik to vote for him in the meantime. He will also leave earlier and therefore also autorises Selin Elcheik to vote for him.
- Laura Kirin needs to leave at 23:30 and authorises Melissa Sier to vote.
- David Geraedts needs to leave at 23:45 and authorises Dylan Ingelse to vote. Nil Yüksel also authorises Dylan Ingelse to vote after David Geraedts leaves.
- Kirsten Göbel needs to leave at 00:00 and authorises Isa Witteman to vote.
- Mandy Schunselaar needs to leave at 00:00 and authorises Julia Horsmans to vote.
- Rohit Soebdhan has to leave at 00:00.
- Demi Acquoy has to leave at 00:30 and authorises Lotta Heijnen to vote.

Julia Horsmans explains the General Meeting bingo.

3. Approval of Transcript

- Julia Horsmans: Did everyone read the transcript of the last General Meeting, and are there any questions regarding the last transcript?

4. Approval of Agenda

- Julia Horsmans: There have been two additions made to the agenda, because we will also be voting on a new budget and a Savings Plan. You can see the corrected agenda behind me on the slides. Scan through it really quick please. Are there any questions?

5. Introducing the Candidate Board

- Julia Horsmans: We will be starting this General Meeting with introducing the potential 78 Candidate Board. I would like to ask Dylan Ingelse, Mabel van Gent, Robyn Bernhard, Isabel Bartelds and Anne Bruggink to come forward. We won't introduce the Candidate Board with their positions as they are still looking for a 6th Board member. Please introduce yourself. For the rest, feel free to ask any question you want!
- Dylan Ingelse: Hi everyone. Thank you for coming. I'm Dylan Ingelse, 21 years old, a 3rd year psychology student. I'm applying for Candidate Board 78 VSPVU. I have been in the association for 3 years. I started with Lucie, then Feestcie, then Barcie. I have a bit of experience. In my free time I am always down for a good time. Movies or series, parties or going to a park or something.

- Mabel van Gent: I am Mabel van Gent, 20 year old, first year pedagogical sciences student. In my free time I like to walk with my dog or go to my horse and on the weekend go camping.
- Robyn Bernhard: Robyn Bernhard, 24, first year pedagogical sciences. I studied business before. I like to be with friends and family. Go on a walk, be outside.
- Isabel Bartelds: I am Isabel Bartelds, 21 years old, second year psychology student. I have done Chronicles for 2 years. In my free time I like to dance, sing and like music in general. I like to read and watch series.
- Anne Bruggink: I'm Anne Bruggink, 21 years old. First year pedagogical sciences student. I am in the Pedcie committee. I am applying for 78. In my free time I like to hang out with friends and sleep. Draw, read and go on walks.

- Mandy Schunselaar: You guys had some time to have some thoughts as Candidate Board. Do you guys feel like you are on the same length ideas wise? What are you excited for?
- Dylan Ingelse: We are on the same wavelength. We all have a lot of ideas. We are still figuring out what we can do. We are all very excited for it and support each other's ideas. I think that will go well.
- Mandy Schunselaar: Can you give some examples?
- Mabel van Gent: Not too sure if we can. But it is inclusivity and maybe something technology wise.
- Isabelle de Jong: What are three major things that you want to improve with your Board year. What do you think you could ambitiously improve?
- Isabel Bartelds: I think we would really like to work on the member count as it has been decreasing. We are figuring out how to approach that. We also want to work on inclusivity. We are still talking about how. We want to make a few things more efficient to make sure it works better.
- Isabelle de Jong: What do you mean with inclusivity? What kind?
- Anne Bruggink: More in the way of member wise. We want more members. What we saw in the lecture halls we saw a lot of non drinking students. We want to make sure when we promote events drinking is not the main thing. Further things we still need to discuss.
- David Geraedts: I think one of the problems this year is that members were not being active. How will you address that problem? Also the one active in committees?
- Isabel Bartelds: We are thinking about it. It used to be a big benefit from joining the association, the academic benefits. We are looking into ways to increase the social benefits to make people more involved.
- Anne Bruggink: Also for the active members that should have more benefits. That you really learn something from it. Also efficiency committee wise. It is a bit broad for now. But we have to discuss it further.
- Selin Elcheik: Question from Edmond Agabekian. Organising events plays a crucial role in maintaining our members' engagement with the association, so it is important to ensure that events occur as scheduled. However, this year, several events have been cancelled or rescheduled due to multiple factors. What do you think these factors are, and how do you plan to fix them next year? Follow-up: You don't need to provide answers right now if you haven't thought about it yet, but I would like to hear a plan at the next General Meeting. It would also be great to see something about it in the policy plan.
- Isabel Bartelds: The question is what we think are the reasons behind events getting cancelled or moved. Some of it has to do with planning. Some were planned on for example national holidays or something went wrong with promotion. I think we want to work on promotion work with a stricter deadline so we will have fewer problems. Sometimes it is also out of your control.
- Anne Bruggink: Fair point. We will discuss that in our meetings.
- Isabelle de Jong: How are you going to tackle your communication and working with different committees? And how far are you going to be present in that.?
- Dylan Ingelse: We have talked about this already. We have a few ideas to change the current system to free up time for committees and us. We haven't worked it out completely yet. We do have a concept of creating extra time for everyone. We can get feedback faster.
- Isabelle de Jong: Will you be spending more time on training and making sure that certain things like promotion are thought of very well?

- Isabel Bartelds: I think that is something we can look into. Regarding promotion we are looking into ways to make it easier.
- Lotta Heijnen: Why did you guys apply for the Board?
- Anne Bruggink: I applied because I really like to be in a committee and take it a step further. I thought about chairing but I thought I had a small impact and I had big ideas. So I thought why not. Next year I have the time to study wise. And I live close by. I want to learn some skills during this year. I can benefit from it in my private life and study. The earlier I apply the better.
- Robyn Bernhard: I applied because I felt welcomed and wanted to give it back. I think it is a great learning opportunity
- Dylan Ingelse: During my first year it was a big thing going to uni and VSPVU helped me come out of my shell. I had a lot of fun here and wanted to do that for others. Especially for the first years. I think it would be a great opportunity to learn some skills.
- Mabel van Gent: In high school I used to organise a lot of activities and during my last year in the Pedcie I liked organising but wanted to do something more.
- Isabel Bartelds: I applied because the last two years I have been active and a Chair this year. I have really enjoyed it. I have thought about it. This year the timing was right for me. I like the idea that I can have an impact on the whole association.
- Anne Bruggink: One more thing. I think pedagogical sciences is less represented and want to include that more. Now we have 3 applicants.
- Selin Elcheik: This year there was a situation with promotion where the Commissioner Media and Communication took over the task of making the posters. Which may have led to people missing deadlines. Have you thought about whether you like it or want to introduce a different level of hierarchy?
- Isabel Bartelds: We are talking and thinking about changing promotion to make it more efficient and make it easier for committees to use. Also with training we want to change some things. Which will make them feel more able to do what they have to.
- Anne Bruggink: And the responsibility will go back to the committee member.
- Selin Elcheik: They do it?
- Isabel Bartelds: We have ideas for that. We will let you know.
- David Geraedts: Same question for external. We had some problems with a Board member falling out and not getting to a certain amount of sponsorship. How do you want to deal with that?
- Anne Bruggink: We do have ideas and because we are still looking for a 6th member the positions are not secured. So it's a bit vague. And we still have to do training so we can come back to that.
- David Geraedts: You didn't discuss anything?
- Anne Bruggink: We did but it is still vague so I can't really answer your questions.
- Lotta Heijnen: You said you want to represent the pedagogical science students. Do you have plans to involve them more?
- Mabel van Gent: I think it is a big part of inclusivity. I don't think we have anything we can tell you right now.
- Anne Bruggink: We do have some ideas to make the active members more involved. We all came out of Pedcie so we want the whole neglected child part to go away. What our ideas really are, we cannot promise anything yet.
- Demi Acquoy: Since the Board is part time now. How do you want to change that?
- Isabel Bartelds: I think a lot of it has to do with member count.
- Demi Acquoy: You are getting paid less, so invest less time. You may have to make adjustments to make it more suitable.
- Dylan Ingelse: Right now we are more focussed on changing the member count.
- Demi Acquoy: It doesn't change anything for your year. I would advise you to not do a full time Board year.
- Dylan Ingelse: We have to look into that.
- Mandy Scunselaar: You are looking for a 6th member. How confident are you? At what point will you decide what you want and get your training?

- Isabel Bartelds: We want to put more promotion out to make it possible.
- Anne Bruggink: We are confident to do it with the five of us. If no one applies we can do it. I think we didn't set a hard deadline. We will put that in promotion.
- Mandy Schunselaar: That is smart because at one point you have to start your function training.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Dylan Ingelse. You are a natural charismatic leader, fulfilling vice chair and chair of committees 3 years straight. You are the most experienced member of your Board. Will you have the capability of being cutthroat with the rest of your team when complicated situations arise and decisions must be made?
- Dylan Ingelse: Yes I think I will be able to. I noticed during Feestcie I had a lot of troubles with that. That made me start setting boundaries more so I think I can do that properly.
- Isabel Bartelds: I also want to say that during the meeting Dylan Ingelse took charge quite well and asked everyone for their opinions and made sure we kept on topic.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Robyn Bernhard. When going over the transcript of your interview, it turned out that you had a very impressive resume and background in finances. Do you envision a scenario in which you may get bored of the tasks the function entails?
- Robyn Bernhard: I don't think so. If I do get bored I will find some new tasks to keep myself motivated. For now I'm trying to make it more efficient.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Any ideas?
- Robyn Bernhard: I think we are trying to make it online and make that process easier. We are working on it.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Isabel Bartelds. We both walked into this association just under two years ago. Soon we noticed that it has a similar composition to our democratic society. Within the current worldwide situation we see how democracy thrives on honest participation, and is crumbled away by disinformation. Given the importance of accurate information, how do you verify the accuracy of the information you share and spread? How do you manage confidentiality?
- Isabel Bartelds: I think concerning credibility or accuracy of information I like to go to multiple sources to try to get the whole picture. About sharing information I think as a Board member you have to be aware of the information being shared and you have to make sure the information is checked.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Isabel Bartelds. How do you keep your personal biases or strong opinions from affecting your professional decisions and interactions? Are you capable of maintaining an objective perspective and not letting yourself get carried away in emotions knowing that the correct decision may not lay within your reach?
- Isabel Bartelds: I think that is a good question. One of my learning goals is to let go more. I can have strong opinions. It is important to trust in others. That is one of my plans this year. Something for me to look out for.
- Demi Acquoy: Since you are all 'so we have to discuss this first'. I get it. What are your individual ideas of what you want to keep and want to change? Maybe an event or it can be anything.
- Isabel Bartelds: I think for example the beercantus is always very fun. This year attendance was lower. I would enjoy organising it as a Board. I think also with the social safety thing we are going to be seeing. I would like to see changes in how we would respond to certain situations.
- Mabel van Gent: I love the welcoming feeling. I would like to keep that in the room. I have to think about a change. I have not been to very many events. When I read about social safety, I think we need to implement a lot more protocols to have a straight line.
- Dylan Ingelse: I find the availability nice. When someone wants something you can just come to the room or text. I want to encourage that. I maybe want to change the way we go about mini-event. I think attendance drops. maybe restructure or promote them differently.
- Robyn Bernhard: I want to keep the Board as someone you can talk to and not look up to. Something I would like to change is also social safety. Be more clear who you can go to when things are not really nice.
- Anne Bruggink: A lot has been said. But I really love the weekends. Especially for the active members. We can be closer. I think we can improve that. For example the closeness of the active members but also maybe the members. I have plans for that. One of the plans is during the introweek. Really focus on bringing new people to the association. Have more benefits from being in the association. Think about other things that can be more attractive.

- Lucas Ehrlich: All five of you have talked a lot about internal relations between members. Have you talked about the outgroup image? And how do you plan to interact with non-members?
- Isabel Bartelds: I think we haven't talked about this as much, however I think we do want to change to things concerning the branding of the association. But I think that is something for us to discuss.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Three of you have been lacking presence during the current year. But why and how are you trying to attract more people to the room?
- Anne Bruggink: I think it could be a little more spacey. We can clean up and rearrange that. I really like the idea of waffles and toastie days to promote being in the room. The reason I wasn't there was because I didn't live close by. So now I am there more.
- Robyn Bernhard: I wasn't there due to private reasons but I think the room can be more fun. Have more games, maybe some on the TV. Make it more enjoyable to be there.
- Mabel van Gent: Maybe we can have set days with games. My family and I enjoy klaverjassen. Maybe have an explanation for that. I wasn't there because my commute was an hour. I was there in the beginning and on set moments. I don't really have a reason.
- Isabel Bartelds: We are looking into getting coffee in the room. A machine. We want to improve the coffee situation.
- Demi Acquoy: It was a nice compliment that you were warm and welcoming. And I like that there are a lot of Pedcie people. I think we need that. What is something you are looking forward to, what do you want to get out of it? What is something you are not looking forward to?
- Mabel van Gent: I look forward to social networking. I don't like to cancel or say no to my family and that is something I might have to do.
- Isabel Bartelds: I am looking forward to connecting with my Board and members the most. Creating fun ideas and implementing. The thing I dread the most is chasing people around. I had to do that this year and it was not that fun.
- Robyn Bernhard: I look forward to hanging out with the Board and the active members. I look forward to self improvement. What I don't look forward to is presenting because it makes me very nervous.
- Anne Bruggink: I look forward to social networking. The ideas I have in my head I would like to do something with it. Something I dread is time management. I would put a lot of hours into it. I need to have enough time for studies and private life. That is something I want to learn but also dread.
- Dylan Ingelse: I am looking forward to polishing my organisational skills. I can be chaotic. Also meeting new people. Not only at uni but throughout the netherlands. For example with SPS-NIP or other associations. Not looking forward to standing in front of lecture halls convincing people to join the VSPVU.
- Lotta Heijnen: I know Dylan Ingelse doesn't live in Amsterdam. Not sure about the rest. How will you manage that with late borrels and CoBo's?
- Dylan Ingelse: When I signed up I thought I would live in Amsterdam. Now I decided I am still in to do it. I am trying to look for new places. Looking into something Žygimantas Pupelis mentioned. For now either travel by car or sleep over at someones.
- Mabel van Gent: I have someone living in the Pijp and I can always stay over.
- Isabel Bartelds: The rest of us do live in Amsterdam.
- Demi Acquoy: You are a full Dutch Board. How will you do internationalisation?
- Anne Bruggink: We are talking in English during our meetings already.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Dylan Ingelse. Your Feestcie year. There were some bumps. What are you going to take as your role as chair there?
- Dylan Ingelse: For me it would be to get everything down on paper as soon as you can. We had a lot of plans but didn't follow up on that soon enough and things went wrong.
- Anaïs van Schalen: The rest. What are you going to take from your years in your committees?
- Isabel Bartelds: I think for me being Chair of Chronicles I learned a lot. There were some bumps. It has taught me to be more firm earlier on and ask for help earlier on.

- Mabel van Gent: I was in Pedcie. We had very open communication. That helped with organising and plans. That made two very nice events and a third coming. Open communication I would say.
- Robyn Bernhard: I would like to take flexibility. With the Wintersportcie I learned to speak up more and know what I had to do as I was quite confused. So I had to change my budget a lot which gave me a lot of flexibility.
- Anne Bruggink: I would take to think big and if you want to, a lot can be possible. Especially from our first event. I want to think big and do as much as possible instead of just doing what is expected.
- Isabelle de Jong: How are you going to keep the motivation going in between you guys? What are your tips and tricks to keep each other motivated, make sure everyone feels heard.
- Anne Bruggink: I think we are already close with each other. I think we all feel safe if I speak for myself to say what I want. On an individual level we are great to each other. We can talk with one of the other members of the Board or during the meetings. I don't expect there will be problems for us.
- Isabel Bartelds: I also think it is important to keep it light sometimes. Do a little bonding. Have a fun activity with just us.
- Isabelle de Jong: Suggestion. A talking stick. Make it something special.
- Anne Bruggink: Something else. If Dylan Ingelse is going to be Chair. He is great at saying one at a time. We are all women and he is the grounding factor. Compliment to Dylan Ingelse.
- Isabelle de Jong: on a scale of 1-10 how excited and confident you are in your position?
- Isabel Bartelds: 8 or 9.
- Mabel van Gent: 8,5.
- Dylan Ingelse: 7,5-8.
- Robyn Bernhard: 7-8.
- Anne Bruggink: 8.
- Mandy Schunselaar: If you were to be a pirate. On a pirate ship what would your function be?
- Isabel Bartelds: I would be the one shouting at everyone to do better.
- Mabel van Gent: Maybe the cook or something.
- Dylan Ingelse: Spotter or helmsman.
- Robyn Bernhard: Helmsman.
- Anne Bruggink: Helmsman or probably captain.
- Anaïs van Schalen: What do you expect a typical day in the life of a Board member looks like.
- Anne Bruggink: It depends on the day. Some days you have a room shift. If you had a room shift you would just be there, do stuff for the Board, depending on the functions, have meetings with the committees, with your Board. I think it would be very different each day.
- Robyn Bernhard: I hope to have a little break to clear my head. I do have a sport after the day to calm down.
- Dylan Ingelse: For me it would be finally waking up at a normal time. Going to the room and being semi productive. Order or cook some dinner. Depends on the day. Maybe some evening meetings or cook with some committees. Afterwards, go home and relax or go to a party. Go to sleep and go again.
- Mabel van Gent: I like to start the morning with the obligated function task. The afternoons can be for meetings. In the evenings I do things for myself or go to a CoBo or an event.
- Isabel Bartelds: I think for me it is quite similar. I think I would also like to do my obligatory task as soon as possible because otherwise I get grumpy and won't be as productive. I would like to do that in the mornings. Later in the day I have meetings or events to go to. In the evenings it is important for me to just relax, whatever to make me feel calm.
- Julia Horsmans: What was your planning regarding following classes and does that change with becoming part time?
- Anne Bruggink: I won't get my BSA. So I would do two courses and plan around it with Board stuff. I think we could figure out room shifts.
- Robyn Bernhard: I am still indecisive.
- Dylan Ingelse: I'll be trying to get my bachelors but I know it is not realistically possible. I will follow courses but put the Board as number one.

- Mabel van Gent: I want to continue my second year wherever possible.
- Isabel Bartelds: I am planning on taking an extra year to finish my bachelor's degree. But I would like to do my thesis. I'll see what is possible.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Some of you have spent more time in the association. One thing you would change for yourself. How would you steer the association?
- Isabel Bartelds: I think we already talked about this. We have our individual points like the welcoming feeling. We want to make sure that will be the same. Some other things we would like to see improved.
- Anne Bruggink: We are a Board that is not above you but we are someone you can talk to.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: For the welcoming feeling was not there at the start of the year. I would like to hear if you have any other plans
- Anne Bruggink: I would like to improve the introduction week. It is very VSPVU and then it disappears. We would like to extend that. Don't let them lose the introduction that fast.
- Dylan Ingelse: We also want to work more on the social part as an incentive to join the association. Hopefully that will get people to the room.
- Anaïs van Schalen: You said you want to be not above them. You are.
- Anne Bruggink: Yes but not someone they look up to and can't talk to them.
- Anaïs van Schalen: There are going to be moments where you have to tell off your friends and you have to let them know you are above them. It is an important thing to keep in the back of your mind. It is one of your friends that is too bad. But of course you don't want to give the people the feeling they can't talk to you. You said you want to give 1st years the possibility to roll in. Do you have any concrete ideas? You have an Illusie weekend. usually the week after the intro days. You are welcome to Amsterdam at the beginning of the year. It is already hard to arrange those things and have people show up.
- Anne Bruggink: We do. We had an idea for our last Pedcie event. Stuff like who do you go to for learning or what is important to exams and what is VSPVU. We want to focus on explaining all of that. Further on we don't have concrete plans but we are thinking about it.
- Anaïs van Schalen: I think it is a good idea. Make sure you have a concrete plan. Because every Board says this but in the end you are super busy.
- Isabel Bartelds: We are working on our plan.
- Mandy Schunselaar: You guys want to do an explaining VSPVU as Pedcie?
- Anne Bruggink: Yeah for our last events.
- Isa Witteman: This is something we should talk about during Pedcie meeting not General Meeting.
- Mandy Schunselaar: You can do it as a Board event.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: The VSPVU has failed to reach its designated goal of their members for the past 3 years. It has been a huge problem. You can think about it. Maybe you have already thought about what you can say about it.
- Isabel Bartelds: I think it is important for us to keep a balance of what is possible and what is ideal. Of course we would like more members but it has been tried. We do have some ideas to gain more members but we have to think about what is realistic.
- Dylan Ingelse: The academic incentives are not as good so we are looking at the social incentives.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Member count is closely associated with the budget. Have you thought about what would happen with committees?
- Isabel Bartelds: I think that is something that we will discuss during our first General Meeting. We are thinking about the committees.
- Demi Acquoy: Active members are based on years ago when there was no numerus fixus. It has been way lower. The rules within the VU also changed. First you could stay a member for life. It is not only the academic benefits but also the VU. It sucks how it is right now.
- Esmee Blankers: You have to pay collegegeld to the VU to be seen as a member by the VU. If you don't, you can be a member of the VSPVU; it just doesn't count officially.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Are you excited?

- Dylan: Hell yes.
- Everyone else: yes.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Do any of you have a driver's licence?
- Everyone except Isabel Bartelds.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Congratulations on applying. I hope the summer is going to be very fun for you.

6. Voting

Dylan Ingelse as Member of the 78th Candidate Board:

- In favour: 28
- Neutral: 2
- Against: 0

Mabel van Gent as Member of the 78th Candidate Board:

- In favour: 29
- Neutral: 1
- Against: 0

Robyn Bernhard as Member of the 78th Candidate Board:

- In favour: 26
- Neutral: 4
- Against: 0

Isabel Bartelds as Member of the 78th Candidate Board:

- In favour: 27
- Neutral: 1
- Against: 2

Anne Bruggink as Member of the 78th Candidate Board:

- In favour: 27
- Neutral: 3
- Against: 0

7. Social Safety

Julia Horsmans presents the Social Safety Policy by the 77th Board.

- Julia Horsmans: The 77th Board has worked hard this year to try and establish a framework that can help the next Board and the members of the VSPVU on how to deal with unsafe situations of any kind. The paragraphs will be shown on the slides, however they will not be read aloud, due to time efficiency. You all have been sent the document beforehand to read it through and prepared questions if necessary. Please note that the 77th Board would very much appreciate it if issues regarding spelling and or grammar are sent to us by email. So please write down the mistakes that you find. Thank you all in advance. Are there any questions beforehand?

Julia Horsmans presents Introduction.

- Julia Horsmans: In the introduction there gets talked about who this document is for, what it contains, and a short paragraph on the Student Confidants.
- Demi Acquoy: I get that you want to have a student confidant of each gender but maybe add a sentence. Otherwise you have to stalk all the males in the VSPVU to become student confidant.

- Anaïs van Schalen: What is the reasoning behind the fact that you want a current Board member, not Board member and someone from another study association.
- Julia Horsmans: There are different reasons. A current member knows what is going on and has the authority to make decisions. Someone from the association, if you have a complaint about a Board member you might want to go to them. And maybe you don't want someone from the association to know you can go to the external.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Why does the external have to be involved in a study association?
- Julia Horsmans: Because of the training. All the Boards from VU get student confidants training.
- Anaïs van Schalen: So the student confidant training is from the VU?
- Julia Horsmans: Yes.
- Melissa Sier: I don't know if that is new but we went there.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: All the Board members from all the associations?
- Melissa Sier: Usually there are two. All the student confidants of the association get training but all Boards are invited.
- Demi Acquoy: In the current state of affairs add the confidant training. For 78.

Julia Horsmans presents Contact.

- Julia Horsmans: This speaks for itself I think.
- Anaïs: Not to be a little b*tch. If you want it to be official and correct. Change the email address of the promotion coordinator.
- Demi Acquoy: And the others.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: You're stating that the Board can be reached through the Board email. What is the point of the student confidant?
- Esmee Blankers: You can send it to any of the other email addresses.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: I think it is not smart to send confidential information to the Board email.
- Esmee Blankers: But it could be an option.
- Anaïs van Schalen: It is the person that makes the complaints responsible.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: It's okay. Just in my opinion the Board shouldn't know sometimes. Maybe it's not good to send a complaint to the whole Board especially when there are people involved. From the Board email it is going to the confidants.
- Esmee Blankers: That is not true. An email to the Board is handled by the Board. An email to the confidants is handled by the confidant.
- Melissa Sier: The student confidants they don't handle the situation. You can go to them to talk about it. They don't handle the situations. They are someone to talk to and see where you can go. If something happens the Board will take care of the situations using the social safety document.
- Mandy Schunselaar: If the student confidants' role is to talk and they get training. Why would you give the option to email all the Board positions and not just the confidant.
- Julia Horsmans: There is also the unique case that the student confidant is the person you want to speak up against.
- Demi Acquoy: Why not make the email account for the Board student confidants. The board student confidant. Because you will add the name or keep the 1? Why did you choose this?
- Melissa sier: Just to differentiate but I think your suggestion is better to add a Board student confidant.
- Julia Horsmans: Change the email to boardstudentconfidant@vspvu.com.
- Anaïs van Schalen: I read that there is a part about confidentiality. Maybe you should add something about the way of handling people having access to the same email. What are you doing with the complaint after it is handled? And what are you going to do with the information next year?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Confidants are trained to redirect people to different facilities. Why don't they include things like the student wellbeing point?
- Julia Horsmans: Later in the document it is stated that if we find a situation is not for us to deal with they are redirected.

- Žygimantas Pupelis: You can redirect them straight away while not going through you. I think you should add the student wellbeing point and other facilities.
- Selin Elcheik: I get your point but this document is if there is an issue in the association this is the document where to go to. This is a guideline for the Board. If it is very serious they can be redirected. But this is for VSPVU related matters.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: So if the issue is a bit more serious. If I look at this and I am not sure what is happening in the association or VU. We provide the information to the students. Now we are just looking at VSPVU. But as a first year you might not know where to go. They should know they are not supposed to you.
- Esmee Blankers: The list of places to go is so long. We can make a whole separate document for that.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: That is the problem we had last year. We had the issue that it is not extensive enough. We needed to add more guidance for people that don't know where to go. It is just adding one line of where they can go.
- Julia Horsans: If we would include all options you could go to. You should also include sociale veiligheid. You can get a lot.
- Dylan Ingelse: These student confidants are trained to lead them to the people they need. If you lead them to student well being some cases might be handled by the VU which should be handled by the VSPVU. In my opinion this would be better. They should have been handled internally.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Student wellbeing point will redirect you to the VSPVU Board. There are scenarios where student wellbeing point should be involved. They might think this is the only contact point. If you haven't made a decision that is ok.
- Mandy Schunselaar: I do agree with stuff Žygimantas Pupelis is saying that there is a point for another place where you mention the other point people can go. Maybe you give a page with VSPVU options and a page of other options. At least you mention all the other options somewhere. You can give a disclaimer that you provide the other options on the website. You want to provide more information to the students. Maybe a nice middle ground.

Julia Horsmans presents What cases does this document address?

- Julia Horsmans: This chapter contains 8 different categories that can be used to label transgressive behaviour. All of these are examples so if something is not in here, you can still report of course.
- Anaïs van Schalen: There is a lot of repeating in it. I remember this from us making it. There are a lot of the same things that can go out. It is a bit too much maybe. I think there is psychological bullying and social bullying. It is basically in all of the other ones.
- Esmee Blankers: I think you have a good point but I think if we remove this, people will say that something is missing, since the same definition might fall under different categories. These are examples but we decided to include all of them otherwise we might get questions that information is missing.
- Dylan Ingelse: In point 1a about pardoned criminal conviction I think pardoned should be in between brackets.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: The last sentence of the introduction text. Now it seems that any of our members could say no to processing the complaint.
- Anaïs van Schalen: The Board should be able to say that. Maybe it is not the Board's responsibility to say that.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: But you can forward it and you can still process it. It seems now that they can choose not to process the complaint. That could also mean forwarding. All of them should be processed.
- Anaïs van Schalen: But then you give the impression that the Board is going to handle it.
- Esmee Blankers: I do agree with your point but you are also saying every case has to be processed it also gets a bit vague still. For example if someone sends an email that someone stole their lollipop.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: I would suggest that you change the wording a little bit.
- Anaïs van Schalen: You can write which cases they will handle and which are not.

Julia Horsmans presents How to report.

- Julia Horsmans: Very short part about how anyone can report in any way basically.

Julia Horsmans presents Procedure.

- Julia Horsmans: This part mostly talks about confidentiality from all parties and who has what power.
- Simon Westhoff: To what extent when making this you also talked to the VU or USR. I know there are some VU social safety plans. Are you planning on working with them?
- Julia Horsmans: I think it is good that you mention it. Right now the goal of this document is that our upcoming Board has a framework to begin with. If USR sends it out and says these are general guidelines we will adhere to them. But by that time, that is 78th decision.
- Simon Westhoff: I was wondering if there would be an opportunity to ask CB questions.
- Julia Horsmans: Within this meeting there won't be an opportunity.

Julia Horsmans presents Timeframe.

- Julia Horsmans: Talk about how fast complaints will be handled.
- Demi Acquoy: Maybe change 'justice is served'. Because you are not a judge.
- Dylan Ingelse: Maybe ensuring that the matter will be handled as well as possible. That is the most non legally binding thing to say.
- Simon Westhoff: Ensuring that an agreement is reached. Maybe it would be nice to have the timeframe more visual because it is a very wordy social safety plan.
- Julia Horsmans: I love the idea and I do agree there are a lot of words. However since we want to get it voted in tonight we won't be able to do it for now.
- Demi Acquoy: The next Board can also take that on.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: The procedure is said that the one that is report is made against can't share the information without permission. 2nd paragraph. The timeframe is 4-6 weeks. If I don't know that after the complaint is made, how fast are both parties contacted. Without knowing that I am not allowed to share I might talk to my friends. Now you don't specifically say this can happen.
- Julia Horsmans: You want us to say that if I make a complaint both me and the accused get notified. That would be a bit in conflict with confidentiality. I would feel unsafe if the other might know.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Then the line that you said there is untrue. If I don't get contacted I instantly am in the wrong because I contacted someone about it.
- Esmee Blankers: You are allowed to talk to your friends about a situation you are involved in but maybe we can change it to say that you're not allowed to talk about the procedure.

Julia Horsmans presents If a complaint has been made to a Board member.

- Julia Horsmans: The procedure when someone reports to a Board Member.

Julia Horsmans presents If a complaint has been made to an Advisory Board member.

- Julia Horsmans: The procedure when someone reports to an RVA member.

Julia Horsmans presents If a complaint has been made to a Student Confidant.

- Julia Horsmans: The procedure when someone reports to a Student Confidant.

Julia Horsmans presents If a complaint has been made about a Board member.

- Julia Horsmans: The procedure when someone reports about a Board Member.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Don't you think the Advisory Board might be a bit biased?
- Demi Acquoy: They shouldn't be.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Advisory Board might be, they could be. Shouldn't student confidants handle this?
- Esmee Blankers: I think we decided not to do this because student confidants don't actually have any say in the association at all, it is us that makes the decision in the end (or a General Meeting) and that's why it's stated like that.

- Selin Elcheik: I think you are right but the same can be said to the Board. The Advisory Board is way less involved than the Board. I think this option is provided if they feel comfortable speaking to the Advisory Board for example. It is just an option.
- Dylan Ingelse: A written request can initiate a General Meeting. Will this General Meeting be advisory or is there a vote with subsequent action?
- Esmee Blankers: In the statutes it says that there are 2 organs that can make decisions which are the Board and the General Meeting.
- Dylan Ingelse: That's ok. Because I was thinking what if someone doesn't have confidence in the Board but then that can be handled during a General Meeting.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Could you add a timeframe of when the General Meeting should be held?
- Esmee Blankers: That is all in the statutes.
- Dylan Ingelse: Later in the document it states that the reported and accused both have the right to appeal. What if the decision has been made in a General Meeting, does the appeal have to be handled in a General Meeting again?
- Julia Horsmans: Simple answer yes.
- Dylan Ingelse: Would that person need 10 signatures again?
- Julia Horsmans: If that is not the case there is no way to process. You have to do it again the official way.
- Dylan Ingelse: Wouldn't that take the right away to appeal if they can't get the signatures again?
- Esmee Blankers: Fair but I think you need people that would support your appeal.
- Dylan Ingelse: The person who is accused can also appeal and the reporter can get signatures so then you take away their right to appeal.
- Esmee Blankers: They can always appeal to the Board in a normal way so you don't take away the right to appeal completely because you can still go to the Board so General Meeting voting is not necessary
- Dylan Ingelse: Because in the statutes it states that Board and General Meeting are both decisive organs but if you overrule the General Meeting aren't you taking away that right then?
- Esmee Blankers: I think if you make an appeal you don't override any decision yet the Board can also decide to discuss it during a General Meeting if they think an appeal should be discussed in a case where something like this will happen. If the Board still doesn't think so then yes you will need 10 new signatures.
- Dylan Ingelse: There has been a timeframe set for making these decisions and if you have to wait for another General Meeting possibly twice or thrice which can lead to a timeframe of 4-6 months instead of 4-6 weeks.
- Demi Acquoy: These are all emergency General Meetings. If the aim is to finish in the 4-6 weeks you have to do everything by emergency General Meeting.
- Dylan Ingelse: So the Board can issue an emergency General Meeting?
- Demi Acquoy: Yes.
- Esmee Blankers: And I think in this exceptional case this would be the only way that it can go. I can't think of another way this would go.

Julia Horsmans presents Template for writing a complaint.

- Julia Horsmans: Email template.

Julia Horsmans presents Withdrawal of complaint..

- Julia Horsmans: Basically mentions that anyone can withdraw at any time.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: You can proceed with a complaint even though it is withdrawn. How do you ensure anonymity? How can you punish a person for something there is no evidence for?
- Esmee Blankers: Even if the victim decides to withdraw you can still proceed.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: But then you would have other people's perspective. Other members have seen something and other information. So there could be evidence missing. Nevermind. You are good.
- Esmee Blankers: You have a fair point though but it's difficult to get 100% of the information.

Julia Horsmans presents Decisions.

- Julia Horsmans: The 7 different decisions that can be made based on the severity of the impact of the actions and the wishes of the victim.
- Anaïs van Schalen: I would add possibly someone from the Advisory Board because as a Board member you cannot have that conversation on your own. It is always better to have two people. You can be sure someone is not making decisions on their own. It is always more reasonable.
- Mandy Schunselaar: About number 7. Is this printed wrong or is there a word missing at the end.
- Julia Horsmans: When there is a lack of available information and or if the victim wishes to discontinue.
- Dylan Ingelse: Maybe adding on to Anaïs van Schalen on point 1. Add a point: and possibly a social safety coordinator from the VU. Then it is an option to have them there. Maybe you want one of them to join the conversation.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Third point. Maybe add in case the victim or accused wants that. About the note. There is also an accused person. Depending on what they did they probably also have some wishes that you should take into consideration as you have to be impartial.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: About the expulsion from the association. Last year there was a big discussion and they weren't allowed to do it.
- Esmee Blankers: It is stated in the statutes that this is allowed.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: It was a big discussion but I don't think there was a conclusion. But maybe check it out.
- Dylan Ingelse: I do think we are legally allowed to because the statutes are legally binding when you become a member of the VSPVU. So the second you are becoming a member there can be a decision.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: If you fall under the umbrella of the VU. But just check it out.

Julia Horsmans presents Process of appealing.

- Julia Horsmans: Talks about how appeal is possible from both the victim and the accused.
- Anne Bruggink: Maybe not that relevant. If someone files a complaint that is irrelevant, what is the policy for people who file complaints for fun or are taking advantage of it.
- Esmee Blankers: I think the Board can decide that for themselves.
- Anne Bruggink: True and I get that part.
- Esmee Blankers: In case something like this happens, we can still process this and speak to this person. There is no way we have to deal with it so we can deal with it whatever way we think is most fitting.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: I would recommend adding external confidants in there.
- Esmee Blankers: Again, I don't think we can add the student confidants as they have no involvement in processes like this since they are not trained for this and are further disconnected to process than for example the board. Therefore you would have a delegation of the Board.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Now you are limiting yourself so maybe add more Advisory Board members.
- Anaïs van Schalen: You can add that the Board member or Advisory Board members involved in the meetings aren't involved in the complaint.

Julia Horsmans presents Aftercare.

- Julia Horsmans: Talks about the importance of checking in after the incident.

Julia Horsmans presents Epilogue.

- Julia Horsmans: What the next Boards can do with this document.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: How do you envision how VSPVU members are going to get to know this document? Have you talked about how to spread it around?
- Anaïs van Schalen: You can add it to one of the emails people get when they sign up.
- Esmee Blankers: We should also add the statutes to that.
- Isabel Bartelds: Maybe you can add it to the Tranz or during intro week distribute it to mentor groups. Especially during intro stuff can happen.

- Anne Bruggink: Maybe it is good to make it clear on the website. You can make another tab with social safety.
- Isa Witteman: I would add it to the linktree.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: When you sign up on the website you agree to terms and conditions. Add another box that you agree to social safety.
- Dylan Ingelse: Addition to Isabel Bartelds. If you do that, make sure it states that this document only covers situations within the association.
- Esmee Blankers: Yes but if something happens during introweek it can still be relevant to us.
- Dylan Ingelse: What would you do then?
- Esmee Blankers: Deny them from VSPVU events et cetera.
- Simon Westhoff: I do agree with Isabel. Maybe you should make a separate point in the document about the introduction week. Be aware of introduction week. But at the same time there is a lot of VU support for that already.
- Demi Acquoy: You did a great job.
- Julia Horsmans: Thank you so much.
- Dylan Ingelse: Can the document be voted in if we don't know if we are unsure if we can expel people from the association or should we?
- Lucas Ehrlich: It's the Board's choice to terminate someone's membership without the VU having a say in it.
- Esmee Blankers: Statutes say we are allowed to do that.
- Lucas Ehrlich: There is no information on this and our statutes allow us to do this. Statutes have to be approved by VU.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: We can do it off script if the VU doesn't know it.
- Selin Elcheik: The VU needs to make new regulations if they want to do that.

8. Voting

Results of the voting of the Social Safety Policy:

- In favour: 30
- Neutral: 1
- Against: 0
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Half a year ago there was an incident involving two members. The situation was not solved very nicely. Did the Board take any actions regarding that situation?
- Julia Horsmans: All incidents have been talked about to some extent.

9. Update on Policy Plan

Julia Horsmans updates the Policy Plan.

Julia Horsmans presents Committee Development.

- Julia Horsmans: Actie followed the Policy Plan. Barcie followed the Policy Plan. Chronicles is following the Policy Plan. Congresscie is following the Policy Plan. Feestcie had one of their events cancelled and will now focus on the PSY-kickoff party. Illusie is following the Policy Plan. LEX is following the Policy Plan. Opcie is following the Policy Plan. Pedcie had one event moved to September but it is still following the Policy Plan. Reiscie is following the Policy Plan. Sportcie had one event moved to September, but is still following the Policy Plan. Wintersportcie is following the Policy Plan.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Feestcie cancelled two events.
- Julia Horsmans: One. One was moved and one was cancelled.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: They had 3 events?
- Julia Horsmans: Yes.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Is there a specific reason why it was cancelled? The first one got delayed and the second one got cancelled. Why is that happening?

- Julia Horsmans: The first event got moved due to preparation issues. The second one had too little time which resulted in issues with the location for example. External factors including the location influenced that decision. The reason why their event was not moved again was because the year schedule was very tight.
- Simon Westhoff: As a Feestcie member. The reason why Feestcie two was cancelled. The location was too good to be true and we did not have a plan B. A week before the event they said they lost their licence.
- Anaïs van Schalen: So the Feestcie is not going to have 3 parties?
- Julia Horsmans: No.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Feestcie. Are the contracts being signed and does the VSPVU just accept or should we add a clause that we should be compensated if the location cancels. If the location says it is not happening it is a loss for us.
- Karlo Welch: It would help for future scenarios.
- Melissa Sier: I don't think it was signed yet.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Why is the contract not signed a week before the event?
- Melissa Sier: The location was contacted too close before the event.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: What happened that a contract was not signed and location was contacted so late.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Bad preparation. It is really good that the Pedcie is so active and alive again. I am not sure if there was anything specific to make that happen. It is good to convey some information for this one and the next one.
- Julia Hrosmans: I think with the next Board being half Pedcie that will be fine.
- Mandy Schunselaar: This year Sportcie came back. But it hasn't been the most popular with event sign ups. Do you think it should be there next year?
- Julia Horsmans: We haven't discussed that yet. A lot of personal opinions. We will sit together with 78 to see what options there are.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Reiscie. How did you perceive it and do you recommend it? Personally I say good job. Only heard good comments.
- Julia Horsmans: I agree that Reiscie was a great success. As a contact person I can say we put in a lot of work. I think the amount of preparation was underestimated. I am happy we put a buffer in the ticket price. We needed it very badly. I think there are a few things that need to be taken into consideration. Personally, I'm very happy and I hope the rest is as well.
- Simon Westhoff: About Mandy Schunselaar's questions. I would say that if you are going to make a decision about the committee, maybe consult the Chair. Debatable that should've happened with Balie as well. Maybe time or patience and when you don't discuss it with people involved. They have a lot to say about it. Don't make decisions on something you don't have personal experience with.
- Mandy Schunselaar: What is your opinion on discontinuing Balie.
- Julia Horsmans: I think knowing what happened with all education related subjects it was a great decision to get rid of Balie but there was a missing feeling for a low key committee that doesn't need a lot of time. I do think there needs to be an additional change. Which 78 is pretty aware of already.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: How are your Active Member Day and Active Member Weekend numbers? Usually Balie is quite good at attending. Was it reflected in ticket sales?
- Julia Horsmans: Yes the numbers were lower than the past year. However, there were multiple factors that were contributing to a lower attendance. Throughout events the whole year. I do agree that if Balie were there attendance would be higher.
- Demi Acquoy: Don't forget about the Volunteercie.
- Esmee Blankers: We have received multiple suggestions and will all discuss them with 78.
- Demi Acquoy: Low attendance rate. The deadline for Active Member Weekend was really short. Now they could change their mind until the last moment. Put it out earlier.
- Mandy Schunselaar: You said there are multiple reasons. Is there a common factor?
- Julia Horsmans: I think first years are very much more introverted. I think energy is lower.

- Isa Witteman: I also think it is a factor that a lot of the old wave of people have graduated. You lost those active members who have been there for a couple of years.
- Demi Acquoy: And the former Board members are not there anymore.

Julia Horsmans presents Communication.

- Julia Horsmans: No additional changes.

Julia Horsmans presents Members.

Membership

- Julia Horsmans: No additional changes.

New Members

- Julia Horsmans: We have 169 new Bachelor Members and 25 new Master members.
- Dylan Ingelse: Regarding the new members. Where would you say you got the most. What do you think you can change?
- Julia Horsmans: Intro week is the most important week. The way your members are is important for joining the association. Even though VSPVU organises a lot of events not all mentors join all the events. We have been to a lot of lecture talks and personally I would have hoped to see more.
- Esmee Blankers: For the first one or two we did.
- Julia Horsmans: So advice is to put a lot of energy into the first 2-3 months.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Suggestion. Erasmus students that come for exchange. Maybe that could be something new to maybe go through VSPVU. Not sure what the members are there. Maybe give them a reduced price. Every year maybe 10-20 people would be interested.
- Simon Westhoff: I don't think that would work. They have their ESN network. Why would you pay if you are only here for half a year? What you could do is look at how the price or pricing is structured. Compare and see what works for other associations. Every association is struggling with membership. A lot of our membership used to come because of discounts on book sales. A lot is moving online. No one buys books anymore. People just use the pdf. It takes away a large incentive. People are not just becoming members to attend the parties but also for other perks. Educational perks there is a big gap to fill. Really look at how you can encourage people to become members by pushing educational materials. If you make getting their diploma easier they will become members. Also what you could do is fill out a questionnaire on why you are a member. Those are my contributions for 78. Also the intro week is where it happens. Make it a given, especially internationals, that you join the vspvu. Personally I think that Žygimantas Pupelis did a great job at this. You organised a lot of activities outside of the intro. Good job Žygimantas Pupelis and Sten Smit. Activate the mentors not to sell VSPVU memberships but let their kids see the benefits.
- Karlo Welch: Intro week most important. When people sign up to be mentors it will be worth already having to day for mentor day there. Within mentor day you get training in mentor vibes. It is not just about dont fuck your kids and be nice but starting of uni vibes. Dutch students tend to find it quite easily. Internationals need it a bit more. Train them.
- David Geraedts: I discussed this with roommates in VIB and MFVU and they think it is weird that mentor day is not a mandatory thing. If mentor applications are out, make sure it is planned out for mentor day and make it mandatory and provide training.
- Dylan Ingelse: I think it is a bit bad if you force people to be on a weekend and pay.
- Karlo Welch: Not a weekend but a day.
- Dylan Ingelse: You cannot ask for a ticket price because you cannot force them to pay.
- Selin Elcheik: The VSPVU mentor day, not the training day?
- Karlo Welch: Yes.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: The most important thing is that if I become a mentor and get a group which I don't get along with. Am I forced to be with them and hang out with them?

Committee Picture

- Julia Horsmans: The frames are here, the pictures are getting printed, so Isa Witteman can almost work her magic.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Are they in the room already? It is the end of the year and the committee pictures are getting up now?
- Julia Horsmans: Correct.

Julia Horsmans presents Involvement and Events.

Room Opening Hours

- Julia Horsmans: No additional changes

GM Bingo

- Julia Horsmans: No additional changes. We did the evaluation as well, and we came to the conclusion that the GM Bingo is a nice addition to the General Meeting.
- Karlo Welch: I didn't get a price last time.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Is there any effect on the participation? Do you see more participation?
- Julia Horsmans: I don't think we can draw the conclusion that the higher participation is because the GM bingo. I think it improves engagement during the General Meeting.
- Simon Westhoff: I like the GM bingo. I don't think the goal should be in the short term to get more participation. I think it is not too bad. I don't think it should be a goal to have as many as possible. I think the goal should be to inform. You get that through active participation. What would make it more fun is to add more customs. If someone asks 3 questions in a row they need to stand on their head. Some people think they are obliged because they are a Chair. I like anything that could create more of an identity around this.
- Mandy Schunselaar: Bingo is nice but in the past we have seen it also cause disruption in the General Meeting. But that is for the next Board.
- Dylan Ingelse: Comment to Simon Westhoff. I partially agree. You do need to look at attendance. A lot of people are here because they are obligated but there are still Chairs missing. If your sample is too small the group is not represented.
- Anaïs: I don't agree with the fact that General Meeting should be as fun as possible. I think bingo is a good addition but it can also be disrupting. You are not here to have a party but to be involved. It has to stay semi formal. Where are all the Chairs?
- Lucas Ehrlich: It was discussed at the beginning during the announcement.
- Anaïs van Schalen: In general there are barely any Chairs. It is not your fault. But something for 78 to think about. They should be here.
- Selin Elcheik: Edmond Agabekian said. If you do put bingo you can put active participation so people can get more active.
- Karlo Welch: I was in there. I asked a serious question there.
- Kirsten Göbel: Adding General Meeting attendance to route 77 was a good idea. A lot of people showed up but tried to get people more interested. They were there for the points but they didn't feel invested. Make them care and then they will come next time.
- Demi Acquoy: As a first year I didn't have courage and I didn't have a clue what it was about. Maybe write down what is discussed so people are informed. Maybe make a document with what is discussed. Also we made a whole point about General Meeting attendance in the long term plan. And people need to come prepared and it should be shorter.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Keep on looking for ways to make it more accessible and interesting and involve more vspvu members.

Speelkwartier (recess)

- Julia Horsmans: No additional changes. We have not held anymore Recess afternoons. The idea was nice, but the execution should be different. 78 is aware of this.

Member Initiative

- Julia Horsmans: The Shark tank evening has been held, and the Member Initiative has also been promoted on our Instagram.
- Demi Acquoy: The member initiative is shit since it started. Is it time to remove it? I am also indecisive. Or Sjoerd van den Assem should host a tasting.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: I would say keep it for another year but proceed a little differently. Maybe providing a helping hand with doing it for the first years. Maybe we need some enthusiastic members. All of us said we would do one but never proceed with it. Focus on the first years.
- Anaïs van Schalen: I think it is nice to keep the idea but as Demi Acquoy said it doesn't really happen but maybe 78 can take it out of their policy plan but let it exist as an option.
- Demi Acquoy: Why don't you put it under mini-events. You can reallocate if no one uses it.
- Julia Horsmans: I agree. I do think it is important to give the members the opportunity but put a deadline and say it will be reallocated if not used.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Didn't we last year have rum tasting, jenga en chess tournament?
- Anaïs van Schalen: Only rum tasting.

Member Opinion

- Julia Horsmans: No additional changes.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Maybe I skipped it. Apart from Sportcie's event, where was the member's opinion?
- Julia Horsmans: They were asked about AIDA, movie for the movie night, I think there were a couple of things.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Do you think it should stay in the policy plan? It is just normal. We did it during our Board year.
- Julia Horsmans: I don't think it has to be incorporated into the policy plan but it is nice to have an option. No harm in keeping it.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Make it more popular if you do an instagram voting, put it in whatsapp to mention there is a voting.

Introduction Event for Master Students

- Julia Horsmans: No additional changes.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: How was the event?
- Julia Horsmans: We have discussed this.

Route 77

- Julia Horsmans: Route 77 is finished and the winners, Sportcie, will get their prize very very soon.
- David Geraedts: For the last round of challenges. Make sure it is more dynamic and that there are some extra bonus points. A few committees tend to have less motivation if they are behind. If you get more bonus points in the end you can stimulate them.
- Simon Westhoff: Make it more like monopoly or like catan. There are multiple ways to win. I like the implementation and the engagement. Ideally everyone would be engaged throughout. If that point system discourages team building. Look at the points system.
- Kirsten Göbel: Maybe you can also do that you have rounds and start at 0 every General Board Meeting. The winner of the most rounds wins.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: If you keep it the long way. It feels a bit not nice that David Geraedts tells us how far we are behind. Maybe share it with the active members so they feel more involved.

Committee Sponsor

- Julia Horsmans: There are 4 committees that have a set sponsor for throughout their whole year. For the other committees it is not really feasible to try and get 1 main sponsor, or it didn't work out.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: What was the difference with a normal year?
- Julia Horsmans: Not really a difference.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Then I would suggest taking it out of policy.

Alumni

- Julia Horsmans: No additional changes. The second and last newsletter will be sent out at the end of this academic year.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Was there already one?
- Julia Horsmans: Yes.

Julia Horsmans presents Sustainability.

- Julia Horsmans: Actie decided to make icing etc themselves instead of buying little kits for the Gingerbread house making. Barcie has stopped using the single use shot glasses and only bought sustainable, non-single use decoration. Chronicles' event has not been held yet, but they will be sustainable. Congresscie talked about linen goodie bags and no flyers in the goodie bags but wasn't possible in the end with our sponsors, who wanted to provide the goodie bags and flyers. And they are discussing ways to make the workshops more sustainable. Feestcie reused decorations instead of buying new ones. Illusie reused decorations and used VSPVU plastic cups for mentor selections and didn't buy anything new for mentor day. LEX only used the cups and plates from the room, instead of single use ones. Opcie asked the speakers to bring their own cups for coffee/tea. Pedcie collected deposit money from the cans they handed out, projected their QR code instead of printing it, and got mugs instead of plastic cups. Reiscie travelled by FlixBus, did not print out the booklet, got linen tote bags and used the Bavaria cups from the room. Sportcie used the Bavaria cups for drinks. Wintersportcie reused decorations from other years and also reused these on the trip itself. Furthermore the sustainability plan has been followed as stated.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Good job

Julia Horsmans presents Policy Continuation.

- Julia Horsmans: All blog posts except one have been posted.

Committee Ten

- Julia Horsmans: Committee 10 has been followed. All committees except RVA and Opcie have done their committee 10.

Julia Horsmans presents Health and Safety.

- Julia Horsmans: As presented, we have finalised our Social Safety Policy.

Flexibility for Events

- Julia Horsmans: Followed as stated.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: It said I think in Internal Regulations that some events are borrels for Barcie. Wintersportcie reunion borrel.
- Anaïs van Schalen: You can take it out and just rename the events.

Promotion

- Julia Horsmans: Followed as stated. We have been to more than 15 lecture talks, for Psychology, Pedagogical Sciences, Bachelor and Master lectures.

- Demi Acquoy: I think we should have a balance between professional and just a study association. I think promotion has been very unprofessional. If you post something in the Active Member Chat I don't care. Sponsors are also looking you up and if they see inappropriate stuff I wouldn't recommend.
- Isa Witteman: I do agree. I also don't agree. I think we should maintain a certain level of professionalism but it shouldn't be a lawyer firm. Most of the things used are following trends that are also used by some big companies.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Did you try going to any of the masters?
- Julia Horsmans: Yes we have been to both masters and bachelor lectures. I think throughout the year. For master borrel we went to master lectures again.
- Simon Westhoff: I strongly encourage you to use lecture talks but I can imagine it is quite hard getting in touch with some of the lecturers. What would you like to see improve next year? Would you maybe want to meet up with the professors beforehand? Ask them how you feel. How would you encourage the new Board to maintain the relation with lectures?
- Esmee Blankers: I don't think there are any issues. There haven't been any this year and now they know us. I think there will be even less next year.

External

- Julia Horsmans: Followed as stated.

Idea Box

- Julia Horsmans: Followed as stated.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Julia Horsmans: Followed as stated.

10. Update on Financial Statement

Lucas Ehrlich presents Income.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
Membership: We got a bunch more membership. I believe we expect two more payments to come in before we round off our year of memberships.
Bavaria: They paid set sponsor money.
Sponsorship: New sponsor deals with Studytree, DaVinci, Emile, Omring. Also with @ease but that isn't processed in this financial statement yet. With the revenue provision from Dressme we should match up with the budgeted estimate.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Board Activities.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
Active member day: Complications from Bavaria's side in terms of administration. There was a miscommunication which leads to an extra 50 on this post **CLOSE**
Active member weekend: As with Active Member Day due to Bavaria administration there was a miscalculation. **CLOSE**
Transition weekend: We booked the accommodation.
Mini events: As stated in previous General Meeting mini events became one post with a subpost emballage. With the payments still due from Bavaria we will just about break even on both mini events and emballage.
- Demi Acquoy: Transition weekend should be closed. Active Member Day and Active Member Weekend are not closed yet?
- Lucas Ehrlich: Not yet. They are being solved and should be closed. Transition weekend is not closed as there will be modifications in the interim budget.
- Dylan Ingelse: Are you still accepting bank account interest? It is 1/3.

- Lucas Ehrlich: As for bank account interest we reintroduced it. It was paid monthly until december. From January it is yearly. Between January and September is the bank account interest of 77. The payment will be done at the end of the year.
- Kirsten Göbel: Should it say income instead of inkomsten?
- Dylan Ingelse: Should AthenaSummary still be called AthenaSummary as we are getting the money from VU now?
- Lucas Ehrlich: I will give it as advice for next year to rename it. As we started the year aiming for an agreement with athena.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Committees.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
 - Barcie:** They made profit on their last two events.
 - Chronicles:** Part of their book sale has been processed.
 - Congrescie:** They got a sponsor, Degiro.
 - Illusie:** Their money from faculty came in. They had mentor day and mentor selections. Mentor weekend is not yet processed.
 - LEX:** They had two of their events and have their final one in September.
 - Opcie:** They had their event, it was a slight bit more lowkey due to Esther not being present. Their remaining budget will be allocated to Illusie as its faculty money.
 - Reiscie:** Had their trip which administratively was a chaos but played out well. Only their reunion still has to be processed.
 - Wintersportcie:** We are still awaiting an invoice from VIB that's why this post isn't closed off
 - Sportcie:** Had their first event.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Board Expenses.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
 - General Meeting:** We spent money on food last General Meeting. Money for this General Meeting hasn't been processed yet.
 - General Board Meeting:** We spent the remaining budget on pizzas during the last General Board Meeting.
 - External relations/gifts:** Turns into one post as of the previous General Meeting. No new costs here.
 - Board reimbursement:** Last two members filled in their reimbursements.
 - Porto/Print/Board costs:** Money came in from faculty.
 - Fixed costs:** We had more costs for cleaning the bar and especially financing and online services.
- Demi Acquoy: Is it correct that Illusie is this much in the plus at this point. Normally the amount of money is 7200. Now they only spend 465 euros.
- Lucas Ehrlich: I don't know why. There must be a mistake. I will look at it. They only had mentor day and mentor selections.
- Demi Acquoy: Also no accommodation down payment?
- Lucas Ehrlich: No.
- Demi Acquoy: Opcie is also 1100 euros in plus. How much does faculty pay?
- Lucas Ehrlich: 1500. I think it is the first time in 3 years where you have a plus on a faculty post because faculty paid.
- Demi Acquoy: Are you also going to pay the first General Meeting of 78.
- Julia Horsmans: Yes.
- Lotta Heijnen: For external relations. Why is there a plus? Did you not spend any money?
- Lucas Ehrlich: It has to be a minus.
- Lotta Heijnen: For porto print board costs what are the plans with the remaining money?
- Lucas Ehrlich: We are printing committee pictures. Besides that we are looking into printing more stickers if necessary.

- Anaïs van Schalen: About what Demi Acquoy said with opcie. Is it correct that it is closed? It should be open.
- Demi Acquoy: Are you keeping 1100 on Opcie?
- Lucas Ehrlich: It is going to Illusie.
- Demi Acquoy: You can close it after tonight.
- Mandy Schunselaar: Riescie. You said that the only thing that needs to be done is money from the reunion. They only spend 500 on the trip and more than a 1000 on reunion?
- Lucas Ehrlich: On the reunion they spent 200. On the interim budget you will see the final amount they will spend. The unforeseen costs you come with quite a large amount. They will end up spending 700.
- Demi Acquoy: Riescie is so unpredictable.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Investments.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
Transaction costs: We paid a bunch more.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Active Member Rewards.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
GBM outing: We went to pong and had drinks.
Route 77: We have a winner and they will be rewarded.
- Demi Acquoy: What were the plans for promotion?
- Lucas Ehrlich: For the remaining events of this year we hope to print posters.
- Demi Acquoy: Also stickers can be bought.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Totals.

11. New Budget Proposal

Lucas Ehrlich presents Income.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
Contribution: Is lowered to the current amount as from tomorrow onwards contribution goes to 78th Board.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Board Activities.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
Active Member Day/ Active Member Weekend: Both have administrative complications from Bavaria's side but will be solved as soon as possible.
Transition weekend: Has been the same for the past 7 years due to inflation we consider it should be higher.
Board drinks: We have 2 borrels left so it can be lowered.
Mini events: We still have BBQ borrel and some smaller mini events. Within the concept of giving back to our members we'd like to increase the budget.
- Demi Acquoy: Two borrels and a bbq borrel or are you going to do bbq from mini events?
- Lucas Ehrlich: Yes. I think we'll possibly do a Board drink from that.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Committees.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
Barcie: Made profit on all events. They will still have their 100.- for their last event the rest is allocated to other posts like Feestcie investment.
Reiscie: Didn't spend all their budget and due to unforeseen expenses not being used their budget is lowered. Payment for the reunion still has to be processed, that's why the post is still open.
- Anaïs van Schalen: There is a minus missing at the Barcie.
- Lucas Ehrlich: They made a profit which is why it is in the plus. They still have one event to go and the other.
- Anaïs van Schalen: but estimated expenses are 2500 and the virtual is 2200 so you're losing money.
- Demi Acquoy: It should still be a minus.

- Lucas Ehrlich: If I put it in minus you would have a hole of 640 plus unforeseen circumstances. How would I allocate it then?
- Demi Acquoy: Barcie should be -100 and the 319 should then be allocated to Feestcie investment. if you put that there it should be fine.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Should I add this to feestcie then?
- Demi Acquoy: No it would be a calculation mistake. We will look at it in the break.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Board Expenses.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
Fixed costs: Is increased due to inflation and increasing costs.
VSPVU room: We didn't spend almost anything so the budget is lowered down to 50.-

Lucas Ehrlich presents Investments.

- Lucas Ehrlich:
Gala investment: I'm happy to say that after bringing it forward in the first General Meeting, then taking it away in General Meeting 3, as of today General Meeting 4 the investment is back.
- Dylan Ingelse: Shouldn't Lucie be changed to Lucie investment or gala be changed to Feestcie. They are both investments but under different posts.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Gala investment is for a specific event and Lucie is for a committee as a whole. If you put in under Feestcie you give them freedom for a vague investment.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Active Member Rewards.

- Demi Acquoy: You have a minus in the first column for committee 10.

Lucas Ehrlich presents Totals.

- Anaïs van Schalen: In your estimated income it says minus.
- Lucas Ehrlich: I overspend with 20 cents. It will be 80 cents.

12. Savings Plan

- Lucas Ehrlich: During our year we faced a negative trend in terms of participation, involvement and investment within our association. When taking a deeper delve into this problem, it is something that has been on the rise for the previous 3-4 years, this is to be seen back in the books. Within achieving the outstanding payment of faculty dating back to 75, yes that's 3 years of delayed payment.... The pressing question arises how to best utilise the funds. After assessing the association's liquidity costs for the foreseeable future, we find ourselves with a surplus of 40% of our funds, which are currently unused and collecting dust. Returning to the previously mentioned point regarding the negative trend in participation we'd like to take a further look into the cause of these problems. It comes down to what VSPVU as an abstract concept has to offer. Gradually the manner in which students learn has been evolving at a quick pace in the recent years. Whereas once the bookstore and the network of extracurricular support thrived and offered our members what they were seeking, these days students no longer have these needs. Books are no longer used and faculty prohibits the partnership with external companies facilitating education support like summaries and training. Thus, we must capitalise on the students' needs from a different perspective. What is it we offer? A social network, that is what we have to offer. So, we must maximise the return on investment or return on satisfaction that our members experience. Hereby I'd like to present the one-time investment plan that the 77th board has come up with. The moment for change has come, starting off with a modification in membership pricing. It is our belief that by lowering the membership during the introweek and the period leading up to it there will be a higher interest in joining. To make it fair for all new members and not punish those who acquire a membership at the beginning of the summer, Per Thursday 13th of June the contribution will be lowered by 10.- this will be up until the final day of introweek Tuesday 27th of August. It will be up to the 78th board to evaluate this decision and its effects on member count to decide if the structure of membership needs a thorough reworking for the future. Talking about member count a new obstacle arises, as some of you may know, due to internal modifications within the

requirements of association capacity, the board of the VSPVU is no longer recognized as a full time investment but rather part time. Now we are all aware of the fact that the VSPVU doesn't work as a part time investment and thus the 77th Board took up the decision to continue full time. The almost emergency characteristic to the need of having to pull back up to the requirements of a full time board is another reason to make membership more appealing for new people. The mentioned post also includes a little buffer for the introweek committee. Within the boundaries of making it more appealing for students to be a part of our community we have decided to delve into the possibilities of a fixed partner. We are proud to tell you that the VSPVU biermeter has been reinstalled at Il Caffè for the remainder of our board year during and outside of our events. Coming back to the introweek committee together with them and Il Caffè we would like to organise a barbeque at Uilenstede during introweek, this barbeque will be free for members and have a small fee requested for non-members. Continuing the motion of giving back, we'd like to organise a borrel with free beer in the room for members. See it as a Barcie, the initial plan was to do this right after introweek once the membership returned to its original price. But considering Barcie has their own event 2 weeks later it may be a better idea to combine the 2. We'd like to provide 100 litres of beer for consumption, depending on the current administrative situation with our beer sponsor Bavaria this will either come from the remaining beer allocated for drinks in the room, or new beer will be purchased. Coming back to the fact that the 77th board functioned as a fulltime Board often working after hours while being seen as a part time Board, and thus being paid part time, I'd like to reward my fellow Board members with the financial difference that faculty won't give us. Taking a more long-term perspective we cannot forget the importance of Lucie, possibly the committee with the most prominent event. Considering we are under the halfway point in between lustrum years, and we now have the space for an investment, we believe it fit to invest an extra 3000 so that they don't face complications financially due to the progressive inflation. Finally, we come to our last proposed investment, the VSPVU room. Each board has given the particular room in the mf its own singular twist. But when it comes down to real improvements the obstacle of funds is encountered. Therefore, there are a few ideas we'd like to implement, starting off with a new corner couch, this doesn't have to be expensive but does need replacing. Following up a request we've heard all year around from our members has been a new tv, and more importantly a bigger tv, together with this tv we consider the investment in entertainment crucial, by purchasing a switch allowing for more interaction in the room than just napping on the couch. Following up with this idea we'd like to substitute the computer table and put money aside to be the first association at the vu to acquire a pool/billiards table.

- Demi Acquoy: It is a short term plan but it should be a long term plan. How much money needs to be reserved. How much is left? I think for sure the membership thing should go through. And the Board payment should be settled. I just want to know how much money.
- Lucas shares the numbers. These can be requested with the Treasurer.
- Demi Acquoy: Then I think you are spending a bit too much and not leaving enough for the future Boards.
- Lucas Ehrlich: It is a big investment but it comes down to the points made in this General Meeting. Participation is declining. The interest is slowly declining in what the benefits are. These investments are short term. They are an attempt to re-engage the new wave of students. Starting with this introduction week.
- Demi Acquoy: I am agreeing to membership and Board payment. It is not your fault that you did a full time Board.
- Simon Westhoff: The VU now faces budget cuts due to the new government's plans. Did you consider this in your savings plan? How do you think the association will be affected?
- Lucas Ehrlich: This was a point that caught my attention at the beginning of the year. Within the meetings with faculty and the portfolio holder. I questioned what it meant to us. In terms of associations budget wise not much would change, in terms of space there would. They ensured us not to be worried about any major cutdowns. We never know what is going to happen, that is why it is important to keep the liquidity costs. Plus $\frac{2}{3}$ of the money that is not being used currently.
- Anaïs van Schalen: The Board payment is only for you. Is 78 going to be acting as part time Board?

- Lucas Ehrlich: It is indeed interesting to pay yourself money. The main difference between 78 and our Board is that we started as a full time Board. 78 has the freedom of knowing what they are up to and what the future brings. This is a one time investment.
- Demi Acquoy: Before everyone thinks they came up with the Board payment idea themselves that is not true. We were trying to think with them.
- Lotta Heijnen: You didnt state the costs of the 100L of beer. What are those costs?
- Lucas Ehrlich: I mentioned that depending on the situation of the amount of beer left it will be covered from us and buying from Bavaria. That is why it is unclear. I grabbed a rough estimate of 500 euros. Off the top of my head. 100L should be 480 euros. That is why it is not saved as a number.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: The membership. It is this year's investment. The membership count is a problem from most of the associations. It is nice to see what will happen if you drop the price but not sure how it will long term impact the member count. If this is going to work we have to do it every year. And then the next year comes in, we still want to reach another membership count. I think we might lose more saving that 4000.
- Lucas Ehrlich: This is a one time investment. It will be from 13th of June until the 27th of August. It will be up to the 78th board to evaluate. If it does work it is up to the 78th board if this should be done long term.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Then this should be 12.000. If it works we should proceed until we get to full time status.
- Lucas Ehrlich: If it works it has to be modified in the year balance of the association.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: But in the long term there will be more savings.
- Lucas Ehrlich: If further modifications will want to be made it needs to be taken into account of the year balance of the balance.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Barcie profit went to Feestcie investment. The profit could go into the beer room borrel. Lucie investment. Why are we investing the money right now when we don't even know what is going to happen? It will make them look for more expensive variants. Why can't the money be put aside and decided when the event is going to be organised.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Lucie itself is quite an important committee. Also one that bridges members and non members. Lucie is a post that always needs money. We voted to reduce putting money aside for Lucie.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Why are we not covering the losses made for Lucie. Why now and not when the actual event is happening
- Lucas Ehrlich: All the money from the previous five years to go to Lucie is a very big amount. It is easier to progressive invest until the lustrum year instead of waiting and investing everything in one go.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: For the room investments. Great idea getting a pool table. Don't stick to it just too much. It would be a big thing with a lot of space. With these kinds of things. Take in the voting of the whole association what would be there.
- Lucas Ehrlich: The exact placing of the pool table is still unclear. It is to use the computer table. There is a possibility to remove the current table and replace it with a pool table that can be turned into a meeting table
- Žygimantas Pupelis: The Bavaria tab creates insane amounts of noise, insane amounts of beers are being wasted. Wouldn't it be smarter to remove the big Bavaria keg and sell cans and for the events use the kegs and a portable Bavaria tap. We do end up wasting a huge amount of money and space on the beers.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Good idea. The past two months I have been thinking about the bar. We do have to have a bar for events like Barcie. The beer that is being wasted is reduced by proper cleaning. The tap was removed by the room and underwent a thorough cleaning. Looking back at the results at Barcies and tapping large quantities we are making a profit. We are losing less beer. when we are losing beer we are connecting 50l kegs and not using it enough. It will not taste good. I would like to encourage 78 to have a good thing to have a bar every day or exclusively for events.
- Demi Acquoy: We have a proposition. What really is important is the membership discount since it is the first thing that is done. Skip the Lucie part. Keep it at a trial. Also for the beer room borrel. If it is successful you can implement it in a long term plan. What is important is your payment, membership discount, borrel. Room investments of 2000 is a lot but if you choose one of the options from the options you provided that should be enough. We can discuss this again in September. How did it go?

- Lucas Ehrlich: Scrap Lucie investment and most of the room investment?
- Demi Acquoy: Yes for now. There will be a lot of money for Lucie. But we need to have a plan now for tomorrow.
- Lotta Heijnen: It is a good plan but if we vote on part of it now that is important for this summer? Lucie investment can be a long term savings plan and you can have other long term investments.
- Lucas Ehrlich: I still like to vote it in as a whole. If that doesn't work we scrap the last two.
- Mandy Schunselaar: Or we add a voting sheet. Where they can vote for both plans separately.
- Demi Acquoy: Membership 4000. Illusie skip it. They get a lot of money.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Then you are losing the whole idea of getting members at the beginning.
- Demi Acquoy: It is a good idea but the proposition is now we vote in your plan and our proposal. It is not a bad plan, it is really good. It needs to be more long term, not short term. Membership 4000. Leftover money can be reinvested after the General Meeting. Do the beer borrel. Board payment because they did a full time Board year with part time money.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: So the only difference is room investment goes lower and no Lucie investment?
- Demi Acquoy: They can choose some of the options.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: So there is a 4,5 thousand difference between both plans? Which is not a huge difference. It is a big plan to drop it now and maybe next year someone comes up with a better plan. 4,5 thousand is still quite a lot for VSPVU.
- Demi Acquoy: In the end the Lucie investment will be over 3000 so if you put it to rest for now that's fine.
- Lucas Ehrlich: It is not an investment for our Board. These are the reasons the room is empty. If you take down 3000 from Lucie and 1000 from Illusie.
- Demi Acquoy: Is the BBQ 100 euros?
- Lucas Ehrlich: No it will be more. It is 200-300 people.
- Mandy Schunselaar: Is this at Il Caffè?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Did anyone look into other options than Il Caffè.
- Lucas Ehrlich: It contributes to bringing back a fixed partner, bringing back the bones with Il Caffè, which contributes to a more community-like feeling.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Is there anything written down on paper and what is the connection? Are we getting a sponsorship? Are we getting sponsorship money? Or are we just trying to? It is a lot of money to drop on Il Caffè.
- Lucas Ehrlich: We have our last few events, the return on the beer meter. We would like to work on a fixed partnership. Thinking of all the possibilities at Il Caffè. We have our CoBo and go there after our own events. And we have some dedicated events where we can set up a long term partnership which we had in the past.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Hotshots pays better.
- Lucas Ehrlich: You can't host a CoBo at hotshots. It is not about money. It is about how we are getting people involved again. We are not getting that from a few euros extra from a sponsor.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Aren't we going there anyway. We will get sick of Il Caffè..
- Lucas Ehrlich: Independently of Il Caffè. If we cut down 1000 of Illusie we invest 3000. We expect 50% of membership which is 100. We are looking for a proposition which is 5000 less than the one stated here.
- Simon Westhoff: I really like the partnership with Il Caffè. They are a natural partnership for us. I support that. I have one quick question about the concept of the VSPU meter. In terms of room investments. You have some ideas of where to put this money but is it set?
- Lucas Ehrlich: The investments we want to make are a couch, switch, tv and pool table.
- Simon Westhoff: I wouldn't want a pool table as the number on investment. I would like to vote in favour of this plan. Is there some room for the next Board and what to invest in the room? Or for the members to give their opinion. I agree with the allocated budget but I don't know how to spend it tonight.
- Lucas Ehrlich: It doesn't have to be set in stone but without a clear vision it will also be hard to say where the money would go.

- Isabel Bartelds: I think the Board payment is very good. Have you thought about how the next Board has to be compensated. Can it be in the future?
- Lucas Ehrlich: We were not told until 6 months in that we were a part time Board. It is up to you how you will approach being a part time Board. I wouldn't have put this money here if we from the start knew we would be a part time Board.
- Dylan Ingels: About the room investments. I think we should really do it but I don't think the pool table is a good idea. Plus you have to consider things like maintenance because it is very expensive and you have to be careful with beer around it. For the Board payment, we are planning a lot of things to try and increase and get the board up to full time status. I don't think that will be done if you put part time hours in it. I don't think we can do that on a part time basis.
- Lucas Ehrlich: I appreciate your point. That is also why I want the savings plan to be a long term plan. That is why the money should go to increasing the members as soon as possible. I am hoping in 2-3 years it can go back to a full time Board.
- Mandy Schunselaar: I think the only important thing for room investment is asking the members what they want. Then I think this amount of money should be fine. Just ask the members what they want.
- Selin Elcheik: I think it is important to reach a conclusion on this plan. I think Lucie is important but usually every year should invest it. I think it could possibly be lowered for you guys this year. And also like the others said, cut the room investments in half. Do a few of them and see how it goes. Maybe lowering things a little bit would make everyone a bit more happy with the plan. Also if people think the BBQ borrel with Il Caffe is too crazy maybe there are other things you can do with Il Caffe.
- Demi Acquoy: I am coming back to my original points. I am worried about membership losing a lot of money to the Illusie events. But in the end Lucie and room investment will have thousands of euros. If you let 78 also choose something.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Would you recommend leaving it?
- Demi Acquoy: I think membership should come first in the membership + Illusie part.
- Lucas Ehrlich: It could be a good idea because finances of Illusie are up in the air and depend on participation. It might be a possibility that the remaining budget that isn't spent on Illusie goes to Lucie.
- Demi Acquoy: I retract my first comment.
- Lucas Ehrlich: Coming down to room investment. Do you recommend allocating to 78 and discussing how to invest?
- Demi Acquoy: I think both you and 78 should have a chance to invest in what you want.
- Lucas Ehrlich: We keep it as is and not present an alternative.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Comment. About the Board payment for 78. 77 are getting that money and deserve that because they didn't know. 78 you guys know that you are going to be paid as a full time Board. If you decide to act as a full time board. Don't expect to get this at the end of the year too. If you decide right now to be a full time Board that's on you. I am not saying you wouldn't deserve that but don't expect it. If you do want to do that. Make sure to check at the beginning of the year if that is possible and otherwise be a part time Board.
- Anne Bruggink: I love the idea of having a pool table but I think it is impossible with our space. If we make Il Caffe our stamkroeg they have pool tables. Putting it in our already small room would be impossible. I know we are a part time Board and it is our responsibility but the expectations are still the same. Does it change anything in expectations to be a part time Board?
- Anaïs: The room is open from 11-3. If you want to do that it is fine. You can be a full time Board member because it is better. But make sure you have room for it and know the faculty is not going to give more money.
- Anne Bruggink: In 3 years we are expecting to be full time again but how will we do that being a part time Board.
- Anaïs van Schalen: No one is telling you what to do. You can decide.
- Lotta Heijnen: I think we can go on really long about this but can we maybe just vote?
- Lucas Ehrlich: We are proposing an alternative but Demi Acquoy went back on her ideas and decided it was fine to vote it in without an alternative.

c. June 28 BBQ Borrel

- Julia Horsmans: To end this year with you, we will be organising a BBQ borrel as usual, at Uilenstede. Afterwards we have something else for you, but promo will go out for it soon and then you will see!

d. September 4 General Meeting #1

- Julia Horsmans: The first General Meeting of next year will be a very important one as well, as the 77th Board will be discharged and the 78th Board will be voted in and present their Policy Plan, Year Schedule and Budget.

e. September 11 General Board Meeting #1

16. A.O.B.

- Anne Bruggink: For the website. We can't change it for now. But if you click on association it clearly states we sell summaries. On the English and the Dutch. On the Dutch it says stutvereniging. Second. For us the first time we heard that we were going to be part time Board was just now. I thought It was my issue. But it is for all five of us. It came as a sort of shock. We can still talk about it but we want to give back that it would've been nice if we would've known earlier on. It would be nice to would have known during the interviews and before we said yes.
- Lucas Ehrlich: It was stated during previous General Meetings.
- Anne Bruggink: But we didn't know.

- Lotta Heijnen: Look at the langstudeerboete. It will make a difference for people wanting to become Board.
- Dylan Ingelse: I think they wanted to make an exemption for Board years.

- Žygimantas Pupelis: Maybe it is time for VSPVU to become a part time Board.

17. Questions or Comments

18. Closing

Julia Horsmans closes the meeting at 00:56.