

## Minutes GMA Organisation of Study Associations

Date, time: 29th of April 2021, 14:00

Location: Online



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- Present**
- Lieke Pullen (OSb 2021-I)
  - Patrick van Oerle (OSb 2021-I)
  - Lars Essenstam (OSb 2021-I)
  - Imke Nijenbanning (OSb 2021-I)
  - Boudewijn Steenbreker (OSb 2021-I)
  - Ruben den Hertog (OSb 2021-I)
  - Maartje van Delden (Student Union)
  - Yorick Moleman (Supervisory Board Student Union)
  - Dirk Koelewijn (De Ambitieuze Student)
  - Kevin Witlox (UReka)
  - Mirre van der Wal (Kick-In Committee)
  - Daan Velthuis (W.S.G. Abacus)
  - Niels Apeldoorn (CB W.S.G. Abacus)
  - Gerard Groot Obbink (C.T.S.G. Alembic)
  - Job Noordkamp (S.V. Arago)
  - Jan den Uijl (S.A. Astatine)
  - Alexander de Ranitz (S.A. Atlantis)
  - Querine Buiting (CB S.A. Atlantis)
  - Koen Rispens (S.A. Communiqué)
  - Nick van Nijen (Concept)
  - Twan van der Ham (S.G. Daedalus)
  - Christine Mulrane (S.V. Dimensie)
  - Kristy Claassen (W.T.S. Ideefiks)
  - Jelle Maas (I.C.T.S.V. Inter-Actief)
  - Bart Leenheer (CB I.C.T.S.V. Inter-Actief)
  - Ryan Wakamiya (Komma)
  - Koen Geurtsen (W.S.G. Isaac Newton)
  - Nikki Zandbergen (S.V. Onwijs)
  - Lisette Masselink (S.V. Paradoks)
  - Imke Verschuren (S.A. Proto)
  - Sarah Jansen (CB S.A. Proto)
  - Wouter Nijenhuis (E.T.S.V. Scintilla)
  - Pauline Lettinga (CB E.T.S.V. Scintilla)
  - Brian Egberink (Sirius)
  - Jeroen Assink (S.V. Stress)
- Chair** Lieke Pullen (OSb 2021-I)
- Secretary** Patrick van Oerle (OSb 2021-I)



## 1 Opening

*Lieke Pullen (OSb 2021-I) opens this General Members Assembly.*

14:03

## 2 Setting the agenda

*The agenda is adopted without changes.*

## 5 3 Notifications

### 3.1 OS Board

Lieke (OSb): We had our board interest lunch last Monday, if you want to know more about being OS board you can come to the drink upcoming Monday. We want to do it physically, so please sign up so we have an indication how many people will attend.

### 10 3.2 Study Associations

Jelle (Inter-Actief): There will be another chairmen outing this evening.

Koen (Newton): Hopefully you all saw the letter I sent to the GMA. We will talk about this during the COVID agenda point.

Koen (Communiqué): We want to discuss the feutenrondje, can we make that an AOB?

### 15 3.3 University Council Parties

Kevin (UREka): Last GMA was just before the plenary meeting, so I have some updates for you. The most relevant is the EER which contains a restricted option for proctoring during exams. We don't expect it to be used too often, but if there are problems, please let us know. Also, the tuition fee will be lowered next year. I also read the letter which Newton has sent and I'm very curious to hear whether this is an issue for all study associations. I'd be happy to participate in the discussion.

### 3.4 Other

Yorick (SB SU): You all received a mail from Daniël Snieder regarding the free positions in the supervisory board of the business days. If there are questions, you can ask them now or send me an email.

## 4 Minutes

### 4.1 Minutes GMA 25-03-2021 (Document 20210402)

*The minutes of the GMA of 25-03-2021 are approved.*

Decision

## 5 To-do List

30 *There are no ongoing action points.*



## 6 KIC Information Session

Lieke (OSb): Mirre from the Kick-In Committee is here, so she will give you some information.

Mirre (Kick-In): I am here to tell about the Kick-In this year. Last year we got some feedback that study associations got little information and things were unclear. Our bachelor programme can already be found online. Everything that is on there now is provisional and subject to change. The exact programme during the OKIC is up to you. Please be realistic with what you are organising and communicate clearly to the participants. We send one infomail to all OKICs every once in a while, and there is a separate one for boards. Please know that you have different information than the OKICs. There was some confusion about which questions have to go to the Kick-In Committee and which shouldn't. You can ask all questions about do groups and centrally organized activities to the Kick-In Committee, but we don't decide on the locations. This goes via Events Office, you should have received an email from our Logistics officer. About the COVID regulations, it's complicated. We don't know anything more than you, but we will forward more information as soon as we have it. During the Kick-In there might be additional measures or loosen them when we can have tests et cetera.

Wouter (Scintilla): You have a lot of preliminary activities. When are you going to finalise the schedule? Is there some deadline for this?

Mirre (Kick-In): I'm afraid we can never say for sure it's definite. If the government decides to change the regulations the day before, we have to adapt.

Koen (Newton): Could the deadlines be communicated to us as well? Last year we had to make a different OKIC programme every week. Please try to communicate those deadlines to us too, so we have some kind of clarity.

Mirre (Kick-In): We already communicated some to the OKICs, but we will do for sure.

Nick (Concept): We usually go camping with Concept, is it up to us to decide whether to go or not, or is there an official advise?

Mirre (Kick-In): It is up to you. We do advise to have a backup plan. As long as it's allowed by the government regulations, you can go camping and we won't hold you back.

Lieke (OSb): If there are any further questions, you can mail them to [treasurer@kick-in.nl](mailto:treasurer@kick-in.nl).

## 7 Activism Grants Provision 2021

Imke (OSb): Lieke promised that we would send a document earlier this week, but unfortunately we didn't yet. We hope to send it next week. We are making the document on the provisional division and saw some issues. First of all, a lot of applications were not complete. We need to know how many people are in committees, how long they were active and their workload. If we have all the information, then we can actually accept your applications. Now we already have a lot of things set up and made sure you can receive grants for them. What we also saw is that a lot of you didn't apply for the OKIC, which is now in the Must category. You still have some time to re-apply, but do so before the end of this week.

Jeroen (Stress): Did I hear it correctly that the OKICs were moved from the Should to the Must category?

Imke (OSb): Yes, we didn't communicate it clearly yet since this decision was only made about a week ago.



## 8 OS BBQ

Lars (OSb): We have been busy discussing with Events whether we can organise the OS BBQ. Since some associations might want to have larger activities, Jelmer thought it might be nice to have some ‘test’ with the OS BBQ. Then everyone can see how we can organise such events with the current situation. Would that be useful for associations to have?

Koen (Newton): I think it’s useful, but is there some kind of briefing or testing? What is expected from this event?

Lars (OSb): We just want to organise the OS BBQ and evaluate with Events on what should be improved.

Wouter (Scintilla): Just to be clear, will this be held this year still?

Lars (OSb): It will probably be during the last week of this academic year. The locations aren’t set yet, but we hope to be able to organise it.

## 9 Current COVID-situation

Koen (Newton): I hope most of you have already read the letter and email. We wrote this letter because we felt we are not heard by the university in our needs. We think that a lot of students are in a ‘survival mode’, purely focused on their study and we think they lack social interaction. We think study associations can play an important role in this. We can be responsible to keep distance and comply with the rules, but then students can come by to have a chat. We want to ask you guys if you also feel this need and how you think is the best way to open your room?

Gerard (Alembic): I agree with what Koen said, I think opening association rooms can really help students.

Jan (Astatine): It is tough now to know what members are doing, and having a small chat with students would be nice. With students being able to come to the university again, it is nice to be able to see them again.

Imke (Proto): There is people studying downstairs and want to get a coffee, but still can’t. It isn’t that they want to stay for a longer time, just quickly get a coffee and a chat. We sometimes go downstairs to bring some coffee, but not very often.

Twan (Daedalus): As an association you are there for your students, and it is now really hard for students. People want to have social contact, and we think that study associations can play a role in that.

Koen (Communiqué): Opening the room for people only attracts a small set of students. If we open up right now, only the same 4 people would go there and you miss out the point of having contact with your members. I think it is definitely good to open up the rooms, but only if the lectures are on campus again.

Ruben (OSb): Opening the association rooms has to be seen in a broader perspective. We don’t make the rules, and the people doing so don’t see the importance of it. The study programmes get all their information about how the students are doing from the associations. Study associations are the link between students and study programme, and I think it’s a bad thing that we have to find information ourselves to even get in the loop of decision-making. If you see the COVID update it goes about lectures and sports facilities, but it’s never about study associations.

Jeroen (Stress): I just wanted to add to what Koen (Communiqué) said; it would not really be valuable right now, but I think the question ‘why would you not?’, it’s not that we don’t want



to open up, we just think that right now it is not sensible to open up. If there are students 115  
back on campus, then it will be valuable and the way the letter is now formulated is that it is  
about opening the room, but as Ruben said, we should also tell them that we are important for  
students' social lives.

Lieke (OSb): There is still some confusion about the letter. Koen (Newton) reached out to us  
to let us know that he wants to discuss this. The plan for now is to gather some arguments 120  
for what we think is important and why rooms should be opened. We as OS think it is very  
important that most associations should agree, which is now not the case.

Maartje (SU): As Lieke said, we want to talk to CFM before we send the letter to the Executive  
Board. We already have a lot of contact with CFM about what can be opened, so it would be  
a little weird to go behind their back. We think this way we can reach more than sending a 125  
letter to the Executive Board.

Koen (Newton): Coming back on what Jeroen and Koen said, the points you are bringing in  
are correct. I feel like only 4 people showing up is a bit too easy. It is a first step in the right  
direction. We have to start somewhere, and this is a proper start.

Koen (Communiqué): Study associations are important to students, I'm just wondering whether 130  
sending this letter will really help. I don't see them saying yes right away.

Lieke (OSb): As Maartje said, we will first try to ask CFM. We hope to give you an update on  
this soon, but we will discuss this with Maartje after this GMA.

Dirk (DAS): To respond to everyone, it would be very favourable for everyone to open association  
rooms again. The Executive Board will see this as a risk, and I think the argument Ruben gave 135  
is a lot better than the ones explained in the letter. The first step is to convince Pim. He  
advises the Executive Board, and if he gives a negative advise it will never happen. I think the  
best way to start here is indeed to talk to CFM.

Kevin (UReka): To also add a bit to Dirk, I also heard the sentiment that the Executive Board  
does not have the study associations on their agenda. Your programme staff and faculty boards 140  
see the benefit of study associations. That is usually how decisions go up the ladder, so make  
sure that faculty councils also have it on their agenda.

Dirk (DAS): The first thing they will ask is 'what will opening association rooms add rather  
than opening project rooms?'. We should realise that the Executive Board does their best  
efforts to help students. They will feel offended if you send such letter, and it would not help 145  
your case, even if you are right.

Lieke (OSb): There are more associations in favor of talking to CFM rather than sending the  
letter, so we are going to do that. After this GMA we will discuss the points made during this  
GMA. We will then make an overview of those points and the SU will discuss this with CFM.  
If we have an update, we will inform you. If you have any further questions, please contact us. 150

## 10 Upcoming Topics

Lieke (OSb): We are still looking into the Activism Grants Provision. We will deliver a document  
next GMA so you can ask your questions there.

We are also working on the next FocOS Group. The aim is to help candidate boards write their  
policy plan. It's still unsure how it's going to take place, but we will let you know when we 155  
have more information.

Tonight is of course the First DatOS! For those who have a date, we hope you will have a lot  
of fun. For the others, you can always join the chairmen outing.



## 11 Any Other Business

### 160 11.1 Feutenrondje

Koen (Communiqué): I was thinking of setting up a working group like last year. I will just send an email with a Forms link to fill in. I hope we can have it take place again.

### 11.2 Drinks

Jan (Astatine): What are the prospects for associations regarding drinks?

165 Lars (OSb): I didn't really discuss it yet with Jelmer, but I heard that for now drinks are not possible on campus.

Koen (Communiqué): The terraces are open in the city centre. I'm not sure what is happening on campus. I know a study association from Saxion made an agreement with Aspen, so maybe you can look into that as well.

170 Maartje (SU): We are looking into what is possible outside, also on campus. The first step is lunch spots and spots where people can meet outside and have a talk. We are looking into more possibilities like having a larger terrace outside for having drinks. It isn't going to happen on the short term, but we hope to have some more information soon.

175 Dirk (DAS): If you start going to the city centre, the Executive Board might want to have you on campus rather than there.

## 12 Resumé Action Points and Decisions

### 12.1 Resumé Action Points

*There are no ongoing action points.*

### 12.2 Resumé Decisions

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## 13 Closing

*Lieke Pullen (OSb 2021-I) closes this General Members Assembly.*

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