



The structure of the Board

During the last year, the OS Board contained the following composition:

Chairman	Rens Koning
Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Chairman	Bo Verhoef
Faculty representative of CTW	Ingrid van den Brink
Faculty representative of EWI	Beerend Gerats
Faculty representative of BMS	Sanne Bentum
Faculty representative of TNW	Lotte Kattenberg

Committees

The committees were divided into the following composition:

Study tour committee	Ingrid van den Brink
External affairs assembly	Beerend Gerats
Educational prize committee	Bo Verhoef
Educational commissioner assembly	Sanne Bentum
Financial committee	Bo Verhoef
KIOSK (Introduction committee)	Lotte Kattenberg
ABC (Activism committee)	Rens Koning
Studybooks assembly	Sanne Bentum
ICOS (Internationalization committee)	Lotte Kattenberg
BCC (Studybook contract committee)	Rens Koning

Policy

1. Internationalization

The University of Twente has made a new vision for the upcoming years, vision 2020. One of the main points is to attract more international students to the university. This will lead into changes inside the different studies, and most likely also result in some obstacles needed to be overcome inside the study association and the OS. Therefore, the OS will this year continue working on finding which aspects during the upcoming years will become relevant regarding internationalization for the study associations and how these aspects can be solved. This will be done by actively using the ICOS. The ICOS gives the different study associations the possibility to work together and help each other with situations around internationalization. Last year, the ICOS developed a one year plan to help the study associations. The OS will stimulate the committee to use this year plan and to make the committee more efficient.

One of the bigger things that is going to change is that more studies possibly will become English and more non-Dutch speaking students will become active inside the associations. This means that a lot of the information on websites etc and document has to be translated the next years. This is also the situation inside the OS itself. This year we will already have boards with international board members. This means that most of the information and e-mails should be available in English. Further, the OS board has to make sure that in the future, the general assembly of the OS could be in English.

All of the information and e-mails about, for example the GMA, have been provided in Dutch as well as in English, during the whole year. English is the official language in the meetings of the OOC as well. Towards the end of the year all of the minutes of the GMA were written in English, and even the last two GMA were fully performed in English. The OS experienced this as a positive thing. But it is still difficult to write the GMA documents in English, because a lot of the documents are from a long time ago and rewriting all of them is a time-consuming process.

Collaboration with the ICOS have been a positive thing from the beginning of the year. There has been contact with multiple associations regarding the importance of internationalisation. At the end of the academic year there were less meetings.

2. Collaboration between study associations

As board we believe the study associations could cooperate more. There are always issues and affairs that affect multiple association within our umbrella. In these cases the associations could help each by exchanging their expertise or collaborate on these subjects. For this to happen it is important that the OS board knows what these current issues are. These issues will therefore be a regular subject on the agenda of the monthly faculty councils. The faculty councils will also be planned on a more regular basis. Through these small changes the faculty councils become more constructive and give the OS board an insight in what's happening within the study associations.

The faculty councils went well this year. They were used for discussions and not only announcements. The association were hereby able to help each other by exchanging information, an example of this was exchange of solicitation procedures for a new board. Also common problems were found in the faculty councils that were discussed in

the GMA like the problems around insurances, this in the end benefitted everybody.

3. Awareness of the OS within the study associations

To encourage cooperation between the study associations, more awareness among (all) board members is of great importance. The board wants to increase awareness among the board members of the study associations and wants to show the added value of the OS by organizing a joint activity for each faculty at the beginning of the academic year. In this way integration between them and the OS board will be realized and in an accessible way they can get in touch. Besides a faculty activity, the OS board will visit every study association at the beginning of the academic year. This to get to know every new board member of the study associations and to promote the contact with each board member. Finally, at some drinks after the OS general member assemblies there will be a fun activity. In this way the OS board hopes that the drinks will get more crowded and a closer bond appears between the OS and the study associations.

Although the faculty activities were planned for the start of the year, most activities took place around the start of this calendar year. The attendance of the activities was really high, with 20 and 30 participants for respectively the EWI- and CTW-activity. 27 of all 31 board members joined the TNW-activity, where the activity of BMS was attended by 22 persons. Next to the faculty activities, the OS-board visited the boards of all study associations at their rooms. Since the OS-board consists of only part-time board members, not all members could be present during this round all day. However, it was a good moment to get to know each other, and for the study associations to find out what the OS is about and how the OS could mean something to them. We encourage the next OS-board to start their board year with such a "boards round". Also, we think that it is important to have an additional round in february amongst the CTW-associations. Lastly, during several after-GMA-drinks the facilitating association arranged a fun activity, like Twister or Singstar. The overall attendance was higher than in the previous year. This caused a better connection between the OS and the study associations and - hopefully - also caused a better connection between the study associations.

Committees

1. **Activism Committee (ABC)**

This year, the ABC will make a new proposal consisting of a distribution of activism grants from the occasional extra category. The committee will make a order of activities, on the basis of the submitted evidence. The additional non-recurring grants will be distributed on the basis of this order, until all grants are distributed. It is up to the general member assembly whether to accept this distribution or to suggest a change in the order. *It was difficult to find enough members for the committee this year. Therefore this year the committee consisted of only three people from which one was a current board member. However the committee performed their tasks in a timely and structured manner which was the main reason for the surprisingly short discussion about the division of the grants. Halfway along the year the committee also expanded the substitute list. This ensured that all activism grants permitted for study associations are divided amongst the associations. For next year three people have already been found from which one is a current member. Therefore next year's committee will have more time and experience.*

2. **Studybook Contract Committee (BCC)**

At the end of academic year 2015-2016 the current book contract will end. Obviously, this contract should be renewed. Therefore, all study associations' demands and wishes concerning the book contract will be inventoried. With these demands and wishes different suppliers will be approached in order to achieve a proposal. Eventually a choice will be made through the OOC and general member assembly. The new book contract must be signed for the beginning of the summer of 2016. *This year the Book Contract Committee had the tough task to find a new book contract for all study associations. In the first half year the committee asked all associations to find out what the important points for a new contract should be. With this in mind potential suppliers were searched and contacted (via mail and later also in person). In January all associations were informed about the current situation and studystore was chosen as best option. Thereafter a preliminary contract was set up with studystore. This preliminary contract was read and discussed by and with all study associations. All input was used to create the final version that was signed by everybody except IAPC who due to complete miscommunication had no knowledge about the contracts status. All contracts were finally signed on the 22nd of August. Together with the committee an evaluation will be made on presented on a GMA.*

3. **KIOSK**

The KIOSK will take care of the representation of the study associations at the opening market of the Kick-In, just like the previous years. The committee is receiving a budget of €1000,-, which is partly meant for fixed costs (stalls, electricity etc.) and partly meant to attract the new students. *Due to a late start up the KIOSK had short notice to let the KIC know how many stands where needed at the opening market. This was made possible due to fast reactions from the associations. This year the kiosk choose to hand out sausages and juice boxes. On the day itself two stands were missing. This was fixed by that 3 association shared 2 stands and that the Kiosk itself used standing tables. In the end everybody enjoyed the opening market.*

4. **Educational Prize Committee (COP)**

The Central Education Prize will, like previous years, be awarded during the opening of the academic year to the best teacher of the University of Twente. With this prize, both the University of Twente, as all students of the OS, want to emphasize the importance of high-quality education and want to encourage the teachers to teach the best they can and improve their teaching if that is possible. The Central Education Prize consists of a cash-prize of €2500, and a certificate. *The committee started in December and had prepared most of the things in February. The award ceremony took place on the 19th of May. The nominees were Janneke Alers (BMT, GZW), Erik Faber (CreaTe) and Martin van der Hoef (ST, ATLAS). At the ceremony the finalists had prepared a small lecture, their students provided a pitch to win some votes and at the end the teachers were asked multiple questions regarding the theme of the COP: 'education in motion'. Martin van der Hoef turned out to be the winner and he can call himself 'teacher of the year 2016'.*

5. **Study Tour Committee (SRC)**

The purpose of the SRC is to check, by using a regulation form, if a study tour is qualified to receive the subsidy for participants. Next year there will be some changes in the planning of some study tours. This means it is necessary to evaluate the regulation form to make sure it is still up to date. The changes are still being discussed which result in the fact that the changes in the regulation form are unknown at the moment. *During the last year, the Study Tour Committee were responsible for evaluating the study tours and took care of the grants for these tours to the study associations. The committee has identified all study tours that will leave in 2016 and they constructed a budget plan for 2016, which is successfully accepted in the GMA of last February. Also the SRC-regulations are changed during the year, including the removal of the "45EC regulation" and the addition of the middle-rate. Since one study tour could not continue, all rates are increased for a bit. Lastly, a new candidate is found for the Study Tour Committee that wants to join the committee after the study tour of ConcepT.*