



Half-yearly policy report (2016-2017)

Policy

Internationalization

During the last half year, communication from the OS board to its members has been in English except for some untranslated documents. During the next half year, the OS board will translate as many documents as possible using the translation budget the Student Union provides.

This year, the internal communication of the OS board has been in English. No major problems were encountered as a result of this. GMAs have remained in Dutch when there were no non-Dutch speakers present.

OS as a networking facilitator

Three out of four faculty activities (BMS, CTW, TNW) have taken place during last half year. For most associations, the majority of board members was present at these activities. Like last year, these activities were a good way for board members of associations in the same faculties to meet and get to know each other.

The amount of board members present at after-GMA drinks has been fluctuating. Over the last half year, the OS board has tried to promote these drinks via Facebook and Whatsapp. This did not always result in many visitors at the drinks. We encourage the organizing association for each drink to think of a small activity for during after-GMA drinks to attract more visitors.

Board liability insurance

During the end of last year and the last half year, the Student Union has been working on a collective board liability insurance together with the umbrella associations. The OS board has been in close contact with the SU about this matter. In February, there was a meeting between the SU, umbrella associations, FEZ (Financial and Economic Affairs UT) and AON (insurance company mediator) to answer questions about the insurance policy. The study associations will be informed about the results of this meeting at the beginning of March. We aim to close the deal on this insurance around the end of March.

During the last meeting with FEZ and AON, we received an update on the available insurances the UT already provides for all associations. An updated document will be sent around to reflect this update.

Event materials

An survey of lendable event materials was performed. In this survey the study associations were asked if they were willing to lend their materials to student associations. By doing this, we hope to collaborate a bit more with the Fact associations, which have a lot of useful event materials.

Alcohol regulations

The OS board has been involved in conversations with the city council regarding an alcohol permit for study associations, together with representatives from the different drink locations. Study associations will be informed when there are concrete results regarding this permit.

At the start of September 2016, there were over 100 bartenders in all study associations without IVA certificate. Since then, 4 IVA courses have been organized, reducing the total amount of uncertified bartenders to about 50. The OS board plans to organize as many courses as needed over the course of the coming months to ensure every bartenders has a certificate. Unfortunately, we are limited by the availability of the course teacher.

Committees

ABC

The ABC has fulfilled its task in proposing a division of grants for 2016. A problem they encountered was a decrease in the available amount of incidental grants compared to previous years. This is a result of a decision in 2015 by the OS to allocate more grants to boards of study associations. The OS board plans to propose changes to its internal grants division policy in collaboration with its members to reflect this shift in amount of grants.

COP

The COP has achieved to find a committee member from each faculty. At the moment, the COP has determined how the selection procedure will be. The deadline to nominate teachers is at the 31st of March. The final will be in the beginning of June but the exact date is yet to be determined. Furthermore, the current COP met with last year's final nominees for an evaluation.

EB overleg

The EB overleg has written a letter to the CvB about locations for symposia of study associations in the year 2015-2016. Last year some study associations had trouble finding a suitable location on campus for their symposia. We think symposia are important for the members of the study associations and would like to put this forward to the CvB. This January, the first draft of the letter was finished. The letter will be sent in March.

OOC

The OOC is currently working with a year plan that was set up at the start of this academic year. This includes that there are guest speakers from different facilities at most meetings. An example is the meeting with Thom Palstra that took place in February. For the second half there was an initiative to bring coffee and cookies to make the meetings more social.

SRC

For the first time in many years, the SRC organized a drink for study tour committees to meet each other and discuss problems with each other. The committees successfully shared knowledge about diverse aspects of organizing study tours and were informed about what the SRC does for them.

A subsidy budget for 2017 was made according to the existing subsidy rules with 8 study tours.