



Introduction

It is time to reflect on our progress in the past half year. We as the OS board are content with the execution of our policy so far and are looking forward to continuing this in the coming half year. First, we will give an overview of the progress per topic. At the end, the new distribution of tasks for OSb 2019-I will be presented.

Book Contract

The current book contract will expire at the end of the year. The Book Contract Committee (BCC) started this year by taking stock among the study associations and relevant committees. There has been correspondence with different suppliers to investigate their options to deliver all the books. One of them will be chosen to start phase three, drafting the actual contract. As has been done in the past half year, updates will be given at the OS GMA's and the CEO meetings. Umbrella associations of other universities have been asked about their book contracts and they gave us insightful information. This has been taken up to intensify the communication with our sister associations.

Internationalisation

Since September the GMA's have always been held in English. The same accounts to the minutes of these meetings. Aside from this the struggle for English IVA courses continues, whilst some parties at the University want to be involved in solving the problem little progress has been booked. The OS board will continue trying to solve this issue. At last, there is still some Dutch text to be found on the website of the OS. This will be translated together with the activism grants model.

Archiving

Due to a forced transition from WESP, both the website and internal drive have been mostly revised already. The website is now up to date to the newest available technologies and its content is generally up to date. The internal drive is now stored in Google Drive, which makes it more accessible and easier to manage. Every function within the OS board holds its own mailbox, which makes the transition to new boards easier.

In the coming half year, we will continue to improve the structure of the internal drive and make sure the website is entirely up to date.

Networking platform

During the previous half year, the OSb has been a platform for board members to communicate through. During different meetings, like the OS GMA, CEO, EB meeting and other committees, problems encountered by the study associations could be discussed as well as sharing knowledge. Next to this, the after GMA drinks and different outings were also a place to communicate in a more informal way. For the next half year, the OSb hopes to continue in a similar fashion.

OS room

Since the beginning of the year quite some changes have been made to the OS room. First of all, the archive of the treasurer has been properly stored in the therefore determined closets. This includes bookkeeping of earlier year as well as physical stock like board ties. A mailbox within the Bastille was arranged so all of our incoming mail arrives properly. To enhance the looks of the room, a large OS logo was painted on the walls and a nameplate was installed next to the door. The increased budget will be used to further upgrade these looks of the room and to buy some necessary office supplies. Lastly, a coffee machine was installed for more comfort during meetings.

Lustrum

This year the Organisation of Study associations (OS) celebrates its 4th Lustrum. In order to properly celebrate this preparations are made to make the “new-year” activity a lustrum activity. This activity will be open for all current boards and former boards of study associations. With the use of the larger budget it is possible to organise an additional activity to celebrate the lustrum. Possibly this will be a GalOS.

FOBOS

At the beginning of this year, the OS stated that it was discussing a new FOBOS model together with the other umbrella organisations, provided by the Student Union. Since then the model has been finalised and utilised to divide the extra incidental over the umbrella associations. The model consists of four categories concerning grants: “Must (receive grants)” “should”, “could” and “probably not”. Next, the umbrella’s associations are allotted to a category based on three factors: Substantial (workload - hrs/week), Core (connection to the values of the association) and essential (to the existence/continuity of the association) (e.g. Study Tour to “must” and excursion committee to “probably not”). This resulted in the OS receiving a total of 375 grants.

Although the board is generally pleased with this amount, it does have some concerns and objections to the model. Currently the board is in the process of evaluating the use of the model this year and adjusting it accordingly, in discussion with the other umbrella associations.

The internal activism grants model of the OS has been adapted to cope with the new size of grants last November. In the coming half year, we will determine if the model is in need of more changes than have already been applied up until now.

Structure of the board 2019-I

Function	Name
Chairman	Hugo Wesselink
Secretary, Treasurer	Wouter Kobes
Faculty representative ET (CTW)	Ramon Oppers
Faculty representative EEMCS (EWI)	Bas van Laerhoven
Faculty representative BMS	Yorick Moleman
Faculty representative ST (TNW)	Roelof Jan Velthuijs

Committees and responsibilities OSb 2019-I

Committee or responsibility	Responsible board member
Activism Grants Committee (AC)	Wouter Kobes
Alcohol Umbrella Committee	Ramon Oppers
Audit Committee	Wouter Kobes
Book Contract Committee (BCC)	Yorick Moleman
Convention of Education Officers (CEO)	Bas van Laerhoven
External Affairs Assembly (EA)	Wouter Kobes
ICT + Website	Wouter Kobes
Internationalisation Committee (ICOS) + SIP representative	Hugo Wesselink
Kick-In Organisation of Study Associations Committee (KIOSK)	Roelof Jan Velthuijs
Study trip Committee (SC)	Wouter Kobes
University of Twente Educational Award (UTEA)	Roelof Jan Velthuijs