



### **Introduction**

At the start of the academic year of 2017 'Overleg Studieverenigingen' received some concerns about the constitution drinks of the associations on this campus. These constitution drinks are a well-known tradition by the associations and at the same time they are events with a higher chance of riskful situations. That is why we, as study associations, created this document containing our vision and the current agreements between the associations on constitution drinks. We want to maintain this tradition while we simultaneously minimising the possible risks during these events.

### **What is a constitution drink?**

When a new board of a study association has been charged, the association organises a constitution drink to receive and meet the (new) boards of other associations. Additional invitees could be members of the associations, friends and staff members. Every board or group of invitees can visit the board to congratulate them.

During the constitution drink, the visiting boards can try to capture some of the belongings of the organising association. This causes situations with friendly, but physical, contact between the board members who are trying to capture and protect those belongings. This in combination with the usual amount of drinks can cause some riskful situations.

### **Agreements**

To minimise these risks during a constitution drink and maintain the safety of the guests, all the associations are obligated to follow these agreements:

- Every association receives a document with all the detailed rules during a constitution drink. These rules describe which kind of behaviour, physical contact and actions are tolerated and which kind are not. The rules are focused on preventing unwanted and harmful physical contact.
- The boards are obligated to follow these rules and spread them under their members and their candidate boards.
- The organising association has to appoint a group of students (usually called *pedellen*) which are responsible for maintaining safety together with the bartenders and the 'BHV'-persons. These students will all get a briefing on how they should act during a constitution drink, based on the rules made between the associations.
- Furthermore, the organising association has to make sure that:
  - the guests on the drink are familiar with the rules,
  - there is at least one more BHV-person available on top of the university's requirement,
  - the bartenders get an additional instruction on how to behave,
  - the room is not overcrowded. The maximum amount will be lower than the usual allowed amount.

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- Before the drink the associations make an agreement on which of the object are eligible to capture.