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Evaluation Book Contract Committee 2018-2019

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This document contains the evaluation of the Book Contract Committee of 2018-2019. The committee consisted of Sander Bakkum, Willemijn Luiten, Sander Bakkum, Yoran Nijenhuis, Koen Schildkamp and Martijn Verkleij, while Yorick Moleman was the representative from the OS board.

The structure, mentioned below, was good, although we think that the time management could be better. Currently we were sometimes a bit short on time, especially when the contracts needed to be signed and therefore we propose to start half a year earlier. Below is more information:

Action	Our planning	Proposed planning
Setting up the committee	September 2018	March 2021
Keeping track of the requirements of the associations	December 2018	Before the summer of 2021
Contacting external parties	January 2019	September 2021
Choosing the external party	March 2019	December 2021
Making the concept contract	April/May 2019	February 2022
Fine tuning the contract	May 2019	March 2022
Signing the contract	June 2019	April/May 2022

Three info sessions were held. The first one during a CEO-meeting to discuss the current contract and to discuss what should/could be better. The second to discuss all the external parties and the third one to ask questions about the concept contract. The second and third one were lunches. These info sessions were good and very useful.

One point of improvement was the lateness of an English version. Assumptions have been made that there was no English version, but there were some English versions.

It is important that the contract will be as uniform as possible for all associations, because that increase our power position. The amount StudyStore pays OS has been lowered in the past years, due to a decrease in book sales, so it is important to keep looking at the book sales in the next years.

We contacted several companies, however, a large number of companies has been taken over by StudyStore. Among these is Boekhandel Broekhuis, which has been our supplier in the past. The only two competitors were Bol.com and StudyStore, of which the last one has been chosen.