

## Minutes GMA Organisation of Study Associations

Date, time: 26th of November 2020, 14:00

Location: Online



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**Present**    Lieke Pullen (OSb 2020-II)  
                Patrick van Oerle (OSb 2020-II)  
                Lars Essenstam (OSb 2020-II)  
                Imke Nijenbanning (OSb 2020-II)  
                Boudewijn Steenbreker (OSb 2020-II)  
                Ruben Bos (OSb 2020-II)  
                Niels de Groot (Activism Grant Committee)  
                Manouk Ramselaar (Student Union)  
                Ruben Uineken (Supervisory Board Student Union)  
                Kevin Witlox (UReka)  
                Daan Velthuis (W.S.G. Abacus)  
                Gerard Groot Obbink (C.T.S.G. Alembic)  
                Meltem Lampe (S.V. Arago)  
                Stéphan Bosman (S.A. Astatine)  
                Alexander de Ranitz (S.A. Atlantis)  
                Koen Rispens (S.A. Communiqué)  
                Lieke van Haastregt (ConcepT)  
                Nick van Nijen (CB ConcepT)  
                Maarten Smit (S.G. Daedalus)  
                Twan van der Ham (CB S.G. Daedalus)  
                Christine Mulrane (S.V. Dimensie)  
                Jelle Maas (I.C.T.S.V. Inter-Actief)  
                Jonne van Haastregt (W.S.G. Isaac Newton)  
                Lisette Masselink (S.V. Paradoks)  
                Imke Verschuren (S.A. Proto)  
                Wouter Nijenhuis (E.T.S.V. Scintilla)  
                Brian Egberink (Sirius)  
                Jeroen Assink (S.V. Stress)  
                Nikki Zandbergen (S.V. Onwijs)  
                Kristy Claassen (W.T.S. Ideefiks)  
                Mavis Adombire (Komma)

**Chair**        Lieke Pullen (OSb 2020-II)  
**Secretary**   Patrick van Oerle (OSb 2020-II)



## 1 Opening

*Lieke Pullen (OSb 2020-II) opens this General Members Assembly.*

14:03

## 2 Setting the agenda

After the To-do List we will add a 6th agenda point: Communication UT.

5 *The agenda is adopted with the proposed changes.*

## 3 Notifications

### 3.1 OS Board

Lieke (OSb): First of all, Patrick (OSb) has sent the link to the attendance list in the chat, please fill that in. Secondly, the FocOS Group that was originally planned at the end of November will take place in December. Thirdly, ICOS will organise a Christmas activity focused on international students. Associations can organise an activity to contribute to this. This can be anything, for example a small workshop, and is up to the associations to decide. Fourth, the SU will send a survey soon about the impact of COVID on (study) associations. Lastly, there is still time to apply for the position of the Supervisory Board of the SU.

### 15 3.2 Study Associations

Jelle (Inter-Actief): There will be another chairmen outing this evening.

Maarten (Daedalus): The House Games are coming close rapidly, so it would be great if you could promote this if you haven't done so already. We already have about 500 students signed up, so it's going to be epic. Besides that, I have brought Twan. He will now introduce himself.

20 *Twan van der Ham (CB S.G. Daedalus) shortly introduces himself.*

### 3.3 Student Union

Manouk (SU): I have sent you an email yesterday containing information about opening up your association rooms again. It took a little bit to communicate it to you, but have fun welcoming your members again and please stick to the rules.

### 25 3.4 University Council Parties

Kevin (UReka): During this cycle we will talk about additional costs students have to pay besides their tuition fee. We will keep you updated when we have any news about that. Besides that, the UT will have a new Rector Magnificus shortly. Lastly, there are plans to increase the amount of days students study programmes can schedule evening lectures or exams from 1 to 2 days per week. We will send a survey today or tomorrow about this for your input.

## 4 Minutes

### 4.1 Minutes GMA 29-10-2020 (Document 20201102)

*The minutes of the GMA of 29-10-2020 are approved with the proposed changes sent via mail.*

Decision



## 5 To-do List

*There are no ongoing action points.* 35

## 6 Communication UT

Jonne (Newton): We noticed that there are a lot of instances (e.g. Student Union, OS, other associations, student assessors) and it is not always clear who is supposed to communicate what. Maybe it is a good idea to discuss how to structure this and make it clear for everyone who communicates what. 40

Lieke (ConcepT): The previous mail by the Student Union was sent via [verenigen@os.utwente.nl](mailto:verenigen@os.utwente.nl) or [ceo@os.utwente.nl](mailto:ceo@os.utwente.nl), so that we know for sure everyone will receive the information, so thanks for that. One thing I did notice was that the communication about reopening the association rooms started so late, even though it was already clear we had to shut down for two weeks and would receive information after that. 45

Manouk (SU): I think it's maybe wise to tell you how this is going. Information about decisions made by the Executive Board of the UT reach me via someone, and I get asked what is going to happen next. This will indeed change, as it causes a lot of unclarity and delay. Decisions made based on the Executive Board will be communicated via one platform, which will either be OS, the SU or student assessors. We are improving on this, but it is not perfect yet. 50

Jonne (Newton): I didn't try to say the Student Union was the problem, but it might be handy to find a convenient communication platform for everyone.

Lieke (ConcepT): In the case of reopening the association rooms, the communication chain was okay. The problem was that the Executive Board wasn't aware of the fact that they had to make a decision about this. 55

Manouk (SU): The Student Union board and Executive Board had a consultation in which we also discussed about the continuation of associations in general. We came to the conclusion that we want to make as much possible for associations as is allowed by the authorities. The Executive Board doesn't want to prohibit more than the regulations say.

Lieke (ConcepT): It is nice that they take that into account, but we feel forgotten a little bit. There was a decision to close association rooms for two weeks, and afterwards have to bring the topic back up ourselves before a new decision is made on what to do. 60

Lieke (OSb): We will set up a plan for what ways to communicate from study associations higher up the ladder and the other way around. This will be some kind of pathway plan, which we will send to associations and hopefully use that for communication in the future. It might be a little bit short notice to have this pathway done by the next GMA, but if we have it ready we can always discuss it. 65

**Action point** *OS Board Set up a communication pathway between study associations and the Student Union and Executive Board (deadline 17-12-2020)* 70

## 7 Activism Grant Committee

Imke (OSb): Everyone has received the mail with information about the application deadline for next week. So far we have processed all applications for 2021 and made an overview, which we will present during the next GMA. We hope you can all make the deadlines, and again: if you have questions, let us know. 75

Jonne (Newton): You also sent a document containing activities held in 2019, are we supposed



to do something with that?

Imke (OSb): That was more of an indication about what activities received grants and how many.

80 Lieke (ConcepT): We only need to give proof for categories A, B and C from the past year, right?

Imke (OSb): Yes. Also make sure to notify cancelled activities due to COVID-19, just so we know.

Stéphan (Astatine): Regarding activities that got cancelled due to COVID-19, we still put a lot of effort into it. What is going to happen with those activities?

85 Imke (OSb): That is also explained in the documents for COVID-19 and Activism Grants. There is information about how many grants are still given when an event should have taken place.

## 8 UTEA

90 8.1 Evaluation 2020 (Document 20201103)

Lieke (OSb): Normally, the UTEA starts around December or January, so we are looking for a new committee. Please think about who wants to take place in the committee, and also ask your fellow board members. We will also send an e-mail about this to [ceo@os.utwente.nl](mailto:ceo@os.utwente.nl).

8.2 Discharge committee

95 *Jeanine ter Horst, Laura Janssen, Danique Lummen and Wieneke Jansma are discharged as the UTEA.* **Decision**

Lieke (ConcepT): Just curious, what happens when we disagree?

Lieke (OSb): Then they aren't discharged.

## 9 ECs next to board year

100 Lieke (OSb): We received some questions about how many ECs you can do next to your board year, and whether this influences the amount of grants you will receive. Do you or your boards consider taking courses next to your board year due to COVID-19? This is just to get an insight on how many of you actually do.

Jelle (Inter-Actief): For Inter-Actief there are two people taking 15 ECs, which is rather hard.

105 One person considers doing a master subject. One of them doesn't necessarily have to do with COVID-19, but the other two are.

: We already decided we wanted to do EC next to our board year, and it varies from 7 to 30 EC this year. This is mainly caused by COVID-19.

Gerard (Alembic): Three out of six are following ECs this year.

110 Lieke (OSb): So there are board members taking courses due to COVID-19. How many are following the board minor currently?

Manouk (SU): I have an overview of that, no worries.

115 Manouk (SU): About the grants: things have changed and previous years hardly any full-time board members decided to take courses next to their board years. Currently, there is not really a regulation for this, and boards apply for the amount of grants they think they deserve. However, this might change next year. FOBOS is mostly meant as a compensation for missed courses,



where you do have to pay tuition fee. If I have any more information about this, I will come back to this.

Jonne (Newton): In which year do boards that change in February fall in?

Manouk (SU): FOBOS is arranged per calendar year. This means you fall for 11/12th in 2020 120 and for 1/12th in 2021.

Lieke (ConcepT): I have heard that they are discussing about moving the amount of grants from 60 to 72 per board (i.e. 6 full-time board members instead of 5). From when will this new regulation apply?

Manouk (SU): We are indeed talking about regulations for a 6th board member, however this 125 is a bit complicated. I will prepare this for next GMA and give a more extensive explanation.

Lieke (OSb): Then I will put it on the agenda for December's GMA. If you already have questions, please send them in advance so we can prepare them and give a clearer answer.

## 10 Current COVID-situation

Maarten (Daedalus): Are there any associations that organise physical activities? If so, how 130 are you doing this COVID-proof?

Lieke (ConcepT): We have organised workshops, we are currently planning a study evening and 'klootschieten' activity. Mostly they are in some way educational, and people sit apart at their tables. 'Klootschieten' will be in teams of 4, and people have to choose teams themselves.

Maarten (Daedalus): We wanted to do a Photoshop course, which apparently wasn't critical 135 enough for the study programme.

Lieke (ConcepT): We just told them drawing was useful for students, and then it was okay.

Manouk (SU): Was this approved by events or not?

Lieke (ConcepT): It was. We just registered it and didn't hear that they disapproved it later.

Manouk (SU): I don't think this should have been allowed. If you don't hear anything back 140 from events, please do contact them to be sure the activity is allowed.

Gerard (Alembic): For us the study programme is still organising study evenings. Last thing I heard was that educational activities are allowed if you communicate with events.

Manouk (SU): I still have the feeling 'klootschieten' isn't really an educational activity.

Lieke (OSb): Lieke (ConcepT), can you give an update on whether these physical activities can 145 continue?

Lieke (ConcepT): They were all educational, so we reserved a room at the booking office and got confirmation. Then we registered it at events and got confirmation a few weeks ago, before the new lockdown, and didn't hear anything afterwards.

## 11 Upcoming Topics

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### 11.1 FocOS Group: Leadership

Lieke (OSb): As mentioned, this will be shifted to December. You will hear about this from us soon.

### 11.2 Charging UTEA

Lieke (OSb): The UTEA usually starts around January, so we are not in a hurry. Still, we will 155 try to charge the next committee next GMA. Please ask your fellow board whether they want to take part in the UTEA. We will also send this to the CEO.



### 11.3 Documents ABC 2020-2021

Imke (OSb): As mentioned, we want to present the division for activism grants next GMA.  
160 If you haven't done so, please fill everything in. In case there are any questions, feel free to contact us.

### 11.4 Pathways for communication

Lieke (OSb): We will try to setup a pathway for communication from and to the UT before next GMA. However, this is a bit on short notice so we will see whether we can finish it then.

## 165 12 Any Other Business

### 12.1 Sinterklaas

Jelle (Inter-Actief): It seems like the date will be the 13th of December, which is a Sunday. I will pick a date when everyone fills in the Doodle, so please do so if you haven't yet. The price for the presents will be around €25.00 per board.

## 170 13 Resumé Action Points and Decisions

### 13.1 Resumé Action Points

Number	Action point	Deadline
GMA Nov.01	<b>OS Board</b> Set up a communication pathway between study associations and the Student Union and Executive Board <small>(page 3)</small>	17-12-2020

### 13.2 Resumé Decisions

- **GMA Nov.01** The minutes of the GMA of 29-10-2020 are approved with the proposed changes sent via mail. (page 2)
- 175 • **GMA Nov.02** Jeanine ter Horst, Laura Janssen, Danique Lummen and Wieneke Jansma are discharged as the UTEA. (page 4)

## 14 Closing

*Lieke Pullen (OSb 2020-II) closes this General Members Assembly.*

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