

Minutes GMA Organisation of Study Associations

Date, time: 18th of February 2021, 14:00

Location: Online



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- Present** Lieke Pullen (OSb 2020-II & OSb 2021-I)
 Patrick van Oerle (OSb 2020-II & OSb 2021-I)
 Lars Essenstam (OSb 2020-II & OSb 2021-I)
 Imke Nijenbanning (OSb 2020-II & OSb 2021-I)
 Boudewijn Steenbreker (OSb 2020-II & OSb 2021-I)
 Ruben Bos (OSb 2020-II)
 Ruben den Hertog (OSB 2021-I)
 Niels de Groot (Activism Grant Committee)
 Manouk Ramselaar (Student Union)
 Maartje van Delden (Student Union)
 Yorick Moleman (Supervisory Board Student Union)
 Daan Velthuis (W.S.G. Abacus)
 Gerard Groot Obbink (C.T.S.G. Alembic)
 Meltem Lampe (S.V. Arago)
 Jan den Uijl (S.A. Astatine)
 Alexander de Ranitz (S.A. Atlantis)
 Koen Rispens (S.A. Communiqué)
 Nick van Nijen (Concept)
 Twan van der Ham (S.G. Daedalus)
 Christine Mulrane (S.V. Dimensie)
 Kristy Claassen (W.T.S. Ideefiks)
 Jelle Maas (I.C.T.S.V. Inter-*Actief*)
 Ryan Wakamiya (Komma)
 Koen Geurtsen (W.S.G. Isaac Newton)
 Wouter Boerwinkel (W.S.G. Isaac Newton)
 Lisette Masselink (S.V. Paradoks)
 Imke Verschuren (S.A. Proto)
 Ellis Dijkstra (CCB Proto)
 Wouter Nijenhuis (E.T.S.V. Scintilla)
 Brian Egberink (Sirius)
 Jeroen Assink (S.V. Stress)
- Chair** Lieke Pullen (OSb 2020-II & OSb 2021-I)
Secretary Patrick van Oerle (OSb 2020-II & OSb 2021-I)



1 Opening

Lieke Pullen (OSb 2020-II & OSb 2021-I) opens this General Members Assembly.

14:01

2 Setting the agenda

The agenda is adopted without changes.

5 3 Notifications

3.1 OS Board

i Grammar remarks

Lieke (OSb): We will only discuss the content of the documents sent during this GMA. Any textual or grammar remarks can be sent to secretary@os.utwente.nl.

10 ii Book Contract Committee (BCC)

Lieke (OSb): I sent you an email about two weeks ago with a short explanation about the BCC. Currently we have two people interested, but we would like to see two or three more people. In case you have questions or are interested in the BCC, don't hesitate to contact us!

3.2 OS Committees

15 Niels (ABC): I am here this GMA to help Imke and Ruben answer your questions and input regarding the documents sent concerning the new Activism Grants Model.

3.3 Study Associations

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

3.4 Student Union

20 Manouk (SU): This will be my last GMA here, since I have a successor. Thank you for last year, and I sincerely hope that you can go to your offices again soon!

Maartje van Delden (Student Union) shortly introduces herself.

Lieke (OSb): Thank you very much for last year Manouk, and good luck to Maartje the upcoming year.

25 3.5 University Council Parties

Patrick (OSb): I received a notification from Kevin (UREKA) that he will not be here today, but I haven't heard anything from DAS who are also not present.

4 Minutes

4.1 Minutes GMA 28-01-2021 (Document 20210202)

30 Kristy (Ideefiks): I noticed that I am not in the list of attendees, but I was there last month.

The minutes of the GMA of 28-01-2021 are approved with the proposed changes.

Decision



5 To-do List

Number	Action point	Status
GMA JAN.01	OS Board Make a proposal to include a deadline for delivering documents for a GMA in the Internal Rules and Regulations.	Done

Lieke (OSb): We have completed the action point, and we will discuss the document at agenda point 10.

6 Semi-annual Report OSb 2020-II (Document 20210204) 35

6.1 General comments

Imke (Proto): Although I found the Trump quote in the introduction funny, this might not be the image you want to convey with such a report. You might want to consider removing it, in my opinion.

6.2 Part 1: External Representation 40

Imke (Proto): How did you figure out that Instagram is the best way to reach students?

Lieke (OSb): We have looked into Facebook and Instagram, of which Instagram had the bigger reach. Almost all study associations use Instagram actively, and therefore we figured the use of Instagram would be more useful.

Jeroen (Stress): You say you want to use social media more. What are you planning to use it for? 45

Lieke (OSb): We wanted to create awareness of us as a board, and therefore we have introduced ourselves at the start of the year. Furthermore, we want to promote our own activities like FocOS Groups, but also for other associations, like the KIVI activity in the beginning of March.

Jeroen (Stress): I took a look at the new website and I just wanted to say that it looks really nice, so good job. 50

Imke (Proto): The website indeed looks good, but the part of the *"lot of work and long nights with no sleep"* should be left out of the report.

6.3 Part 2: Internal Integration

Imke (Proto): Seeing the Secretary Outing already took place: has there been more integration between the secretaries this year compared to other years? 55

Boudewijn (OSb): Of course there were quite a lot of people who stayed and cracked open another beer after the outing ended, so that was nice. There wasn't a lot of initiative to organise something else soon, but it was a nice evening.

Imke (Proto): It might be nice to add something like that for your successors, but that is up to you. Also, there is a part about the Secretary Outing being organised before the Status, and it then seems like it's been organised before the start of the year. 60

Imke (Proto): First of all, the header of *"2.2 Coffee Dates"* is not in line with the rest of the headings. Secondly, do you feel that after the coffee dates it is easier to approach you?

Lieke (OSb): Yes, we do think so. During the coffee date we have spoken to you all individually and we don't feel like we are above or more important than the boards. Also the coffee dates is a nice opportunity to have some informal contact with you, which is also really nice. 65

Meltem (Arago): My External Affairs told me he had an External Affairs Outing already, which might be nice to add to the report.



70 Boudewijn (OSb): That one was organised by the External Affairs themselves and not by us, but we could indeed add it to the report.

Imke (Proto): Do you think you have reached your goal with the OS Pubquiz? If it has, it might be nice to add for your successors.

Lieke (OSb): The Pubquiz was also to bring the half-year OS Cup sprint under attention again
75 so people don't forget about it, which we think has worked. We will indeed put it in the report.

6.4 Part 3: Internal Evaluation

Imke (Proto): Regarding the FocOS Groups: has the goal of them been reached?

Boudewijn (OSb): The first FocOS Group was quite busy, which was nice to see. The main
80 goal of the FocOS Groups is to get some insights from each other on different topics you might encounter during your board year, so a discussion is quite important to have. This is of course a lot more difficult online, but we think it worked quite well during the first FocOS Group. The second one was a little more informative rather than a discussion.

Imke (Proto): You say that there were challenges regarding the online aspect of FocOS Groups, but there is not really an elaboration about these challenges and how to address them. It would
85 be nice to write those down for future reference.

Boudewijn (OSb): During an online FocOS Group it is more difficult to really have a discussion since taking turns to talk goes via a moderator, but we will add this to the report.

Niels (ABC): I'm not entirely sure how those reports usually work within OS, but it seems like you miss a section about all the committees. I would assume there would be, for example, an
90 update about the ABC.

Lieke (OSb): We don't necessarily evaluate all committees, since some also didn't start. Most committees also have their own evaluation, like the ABC, which is sent to the GMA.

Wouter (Scintilla): I like the report with the statuses, but I do miss the evaluation part of your policy. Is that still to come in the annual report?

95 Lieke (OSb): Every point of our policy plan is already evaluated during board meetings. Since most evaluation has been done internally already, we don't think it is that useful to also do it here. We will have an evaluation at the end of the year.

Jeroen (Stress): I think it's fine if you leave some evaluation to the end of the year, but putting it in the semi-annual report prevents the problem of not exactly knowing what happened at the
100 start of the year. Besides, it saves some work at the end of the year, but of course it is up to you.

Lieke (OSb): We do evaluate the activities at the start of the year, and it is noted down in the minutes of our board meetings, so our successors also know what happened.

7 Semi-annual Financial Report OSb 2020-II (Document 20210203)

105 *Patrick (OSb) presents the Semi-annual Financial Report.*

Jeroen (Stress): You told about a provision to compensate for the loss of book contract income for the coming years; how exactly does that work?

Patrick (OSb): The current book contract has a duration of 5 years, of which we are in the 4th year now. The first 3 years we got €5.000 per year, this year we get €4.000 and next year we
110 only get €3.000. Since this year we will probably not spend too much money, we will make a provision to kind of make up for the lesser income next year.

Imke (Proto): On page 2, the OS Board FACT activity was already on the balance sheet at the start of the year. Why was the date changed?



Patrick (OSb): I re-sent the invoice, since it wasn't paid yet. It took some time to figure out who of the previous board was at the activity, but it is settled now already so the date doesn't really matter. 115

Jeroen (Stress): You have budgeted €450 for function outings, haven't spent any of the money yet but do keep the entire amount budgeted. How are you planning to do spend this money?

Patrick (OSb): We have budgeted €75 per function outing, but since physical activities aren't really possible we decided to postpone the OS-organised outings. Once physical activities are possible again, we will organise them and spend the budgeted money. 120

Jeroen (Stress): Actually the same questions, but then concerning the GMA money. How are you going to spend the €1.000 budgeted for constitution drinks and €500 for after-GMA drinks?

Patrick (OSb): We hope to still be able to host some sort of constitution drink, maybe in the summer. If not, we will probably make a provision and have a bigger constitution drink next year, combining both years. For the after-GMA drinks, I still haven't received the invoice for September's drink. The other €400 are budgeted for the GMAs of April to July, which is optimistic but we'd rather budget the amount and cancel it than not budget it and have no after-GMA drink. 125

8 Change of boards 130

Lieke (OSb) thanks Ruben (OSb) for the past year and tells a nice story about his chugging skills, Bully Ruben Day and how we are going to miss him and some other random stuff.

Lieke (OSb): Then if no one objects, Ruben (OSb) will be discharged and we will charge Ruben (OSb) as the new OS Board. He already introduced himself and has been a board member of ConcepT the past year, so you probably already know him and an introduction is not necessary. 135

Decision *Ruben Bos (OSb 2020-II) is discharged as the OS Board and Ruben den Hertog (OSB 2021-I) is charged as the OS Board.*

9 Activism Grants Model (Document 20210205)

Imke (OSb): After the GMAs of December and January we decided to change the model, and starting this calendar year we will follow this new model as far as possible regarding the FOBOS requests. It isn't up for voting today, we just want to get your opinion on it and discuss it with the EI Meeting and the Student Union soon, so we can change it and have it up for voting next GMA. The document as it is now is how we would like to see it, but it can of course still change based on your feedback today. We already received some questions via mail, so I will answer those first: 145

- Will this model be used from 2022, or also already for the requests that have been made for 2021? It will also be used for 2021.

- In Article 2, paragraph 1 stronger language than *preferably* should be used. We will change that.

- Some paragraphs seem to be duplicate. We were a little short on time to draft the document, so it might be that we overlooked some duplicate paragraphs, which we will remove before the next GMA. 150

- Were the IT and Education committees put in the COULD category because they were deemed less important or because they function without financial support? We sent out a survey one or two weeks ago about which committees should be in which category. Based on that survey we made a division which connects with your vision as much as possible. Most associations indicated this division, which is why we adopted it. 155



Imke (Proto): Would it be possible to see the results of the survey?

160 Niels (ABC): Yes, we will send it to you after the GMA. I do want to say that we have made some changes compared to the survey, for which we have our reasons. Of course we are happy to explain those, if you would like us to.

Manouk (SU): It says there are 5 subcategories, but there are actually 6. The BOARDS EXTRA has to be included.

Imke (OSb): Good point, we will add that one.

165 Jeroen (Stress): In Article 4, paragraph 2 it states *give the OS GMA is sufficiently informed*. How do you specify sufficiently?

Imke (OSb): We always have a list of points discussed at the next GMA, so we will indicate any changes in the timeline then.

170 Jeroen (Stress): In Article 7, paragraph 3 it states a symposium has to take one day. What if it takes two?

Imke (OSb): If it's an event which is not specified in our subcategories we will come up with a solution that we think is fairest. Depending on the nature of the event, it might be considered a career event or symposium.

175 Niels (ABC): We have defined career events in Article 9, so it sounds like it would be eligible for the SHOULD category then.

Imke (OSb): Just remember that in the new model you receive grants per hour of workload, so it doesn't matter that much. For now, career events take less work and are less important to associations. If this changes in the future, we can always update our model with approval of the other umbrellas.

180 Koen (Newton): When a symposium takes place for more than one day, it is considered a career event. Isn't that strange?

185 Imke (OSb): As it is now, a symposium is an event which takes a whole day with a lot of participants, where a career event is an event which takes more days, but doesn't take as many hours to organise as a symposium does. We can always reconsider our model if there is a good reason why such event should be in the MUST category.

Manouk (SU): I would maybe not include the length of a symposium, and just include the goal of the event.

Jeroen (Stress): I don't really understand Article 9, paragraph 2g. What does it exactly mean?

190 Imke (OSb): This is one of the rules we copies from the previous model. Within the EI category there is no maximum amount of activities an association can receive grants for, so we might indeed change the amount or remove it entirely.

Manouk (SU): In Article 16, paragraph 3 it states you will create a new proposal. How will you do that, since it is already approved by the other umbrellas?

195 Imke (OSb): This is before the EI meeting. The ABC will just make a new division which will be approved by the GMA before we present it at the EI meeting.

Manouk (SU): Then I would swap paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 16, since that is the chronological order. Now it seems like those two approvals are the other way around.

200 Jeroen (Stress): I think this document is really going in the right direction, but last GMA the question was raised why we have an ABC and our own model at all. Has this been discussed, and what were the results?

Imke (OSb): We still think the ABC should be there since someone has to handle the requests, and to have a committee who puts it in a nice document and present it to the GMA.

Niels (ABC): It is mostly administrative work. The only thing we will really do now is checking that the process follows the document we are discussing right now. The only policy we still



execute is in Article 20, paragraph 5. So if there is a disagreement about the model, the ABC 205 decides but can still be overruled by the GMA.

Jeroen (Stress): Does the EI meeting now decide how the grants should be divided internally, and are study tours and symposia valued equally now? How are the grants divided in the new model?

Imke (OSb): The grants will be divided based on the workload in hours, so study tours will still 210 receive more grants in total due to their workload being a lot higher.

Jeroen (Stress): At least thanks for all the work, this is a real improvement compared to the previous model, in my opinion.

Nick (ConceptT): The document states that the registration should be done at the 1st of February, but I still haven't heard from it. Did I miss something from my predecessor or is that still 215 to come?

Niels (ABC): The first EI meetings aren't in a few months, so we still have some time. If we handle all the requests after the document has been approved next month, we are still in time for the deadlines.

10 Change of Internal Rules and Regulations (IRR, Document 20210206) 220

Lieke (OSb): This document is in Dutch, since only the Dutch version is legally correct in the Netherlands. The changes are marked in red, and we only added Article 11 stating that documents must be sent 7 days prior a GMA. Are there any questions or remarks regarding the proposed change?

Imke (Proto): I think you did a good job in changing this so quickly, so thank you. 225

Christine (Dimensie): There is an English version available, right?

Lieke (OSb): Yes, this can be found on <https://os.utwente.nl/documents/important-documents/>. It is stated by law that an IRR has to be in Dutch, which is why we are voting on the Dutch document. We will update the English version as soon as the Dutch version is approved.

Yorick (SB SU): I have two small questions. First, what happens when you don't send the 230 documents in time? And second, why is this changed in the IRR and not in the by-laws?

Lieke (OSb): There is not really much that happens when documents aren't sent in time. We will, as we did with the Activism Grants Model document this GMA, tell in advance that it will be sent later and when it can be expected to be received. The reason we changed our IRR and not our by-laws is that changing by-laws has to be checked by a notary, which takes much 235 more time and costs quite some money for such a small change.

11 Charge of UTEA

Lieke (OSb): We have found the a new UTEA committee. Is there anyone against charging Marit, Lisette and Maarten as the new UTEA committee?

Decision *Marit Buiting, Lisette Masselink and Maarten Verboom are charged as the UTEA.* 240

12 Online drinking platform

Lieke (OSb): This agenda point was requested by Jelle (*Inter-Actief*), so go ahead.

Jelle (*Inter-Actief*): Last chairmen outing we used gather.town for the drink, and I've seen other associations use it for their own drinks and activities. It might be nice to know which associations want the Premium version, which is quite expensive at around €100 per month. 245



If there are more associations which want to split the costs, it become much more affordable and we can still host activities parallel to each other since you can have multiple rooms at once with Premium. So my question is mainly: which associations are interested in joining for the Premium version?

250 Nick (ConceptT): You can have 25 people in a room without Premium. Isn't that enough or are there other problems with the free version?

Jelle (Inter-Actief): Having more rooms open for people is nice, and some busy activities well exceed 25 participants. Also, changing rooms is quite difficult without the Premium version containing different rooms in one server.

255 Koen (Newton): It's free for 25 users, and as far as I know it then costs €7 per month per additional user.

Jelle (Inter-Actief): You can also pay €100 per month and have up to 2000 people or something. It does get a little slower when there are a lot of people, but last time we were with around 80 people it was still fine.

260 Manouk (SU): For the ones not interested: is it because it doesn't help your associations as you, for example, have found other platforms or because it's too expensive?

Wouter (Scintilla): We don't have experience with gather.town, so I can't really tell whether we are interested or not. Also, I first have to discuss it with my board.

Gerard (Alembic): Same goes for me, I think I will first discuss it with my board.

265 Jeroen (Stress): I just want to say that it is really worth the price, it makes activities much more fun and we do see an increase in participants during activities hosted on gather.town.

Alexander (Atlantis): There are alternatives, like Mibo which we actually prefer over gather.town.

Jelle (Inter-Actief): I know there are other platforms, I just don't know Mibo. Can you send more information about it in the *Bazen van de Club* WhatsApp group?

270 Alexander (Atlantis): Mibo is quite similar in purpose like gather.town. The biggest difference is that Mibo is 3D which is quite cool. One downside is that they have some sketchy custom pricing, so it isn't clear how much it costs beforehand.

13 Upcoming Topics

13.1 FocOS Group: Motivation

275 Lieke (OSb): This will be held on March 3rd, at 14:00. Be there or be square!

14 Any Other Business

15 Resumé Action Points and Decisions

15.1 Resumé Action Points

There are no ongoing action points.

280 15.2 Resumé Decisions

- **GMA FEB.01** The minutes of the GMA of 28-01-2021 are approved with the proposed changes. (page 2)
- **GMA FEB.02** Ruben Bos (OSb 2020-II) is discharged as the OS Board and Ruben den Hertog (OSB 2021-I) is charged as the OS Board. (page 5)
- 285 • **GMA FEB.03** Marit Buiting, Lisette Masselink and Maarten Verboom are charged as the UTEA. (page 7)

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16 Closing

15:54 Lieke Pullen (OSb 2020-II & OSb 2021-I) closes this General Members Assembly.