

## Minutes GMA Organisation of Study Associations

Date, time: 3rd of September 2021, 14:00

Location: Online



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**Present**    Lieke Pullen (OSb 2021-I)  
                 Patrick van Oerle (OSb 2021-I)  
                 Lars Essenstam (OSb 2021-I)  
                 Imke Nijenbanning (OSb 2021-I)  
                 Boudewijn Steenbreker (OSb 2021-I)  
                 Ruben den Hertog (OSb 2021-I)  
                 Lars van Arkel (OSb 2021-II)  
                 Hannah Ottenschot (OSb 2021-II)  
                 Maartje van Delden (Student Union)  
                 Daan Velthuis (W.S.G. Abacus)  
                 Niels Apeldoorn (CB W.S.G. Abacus)  
                 Gerard Groot Obbink (C.T.S.G. Alembic)  
                 Casper van Dongen (C.T.S.G. Alembic)  
                 Meltem Lampe (S.V. Arago)  
                 Querine Buiting (S.A. Atlantis)  
                 Koen Rispens (S.A. Communiqué)  
                 Nick van Nijen (ConceptT)  
                 Vera van Lieshout (S.G. Daedalus)  
                 Christine Mulrane (S.V. Dimensie)  
                 Sabin Kerwien Lopez (CB S.V. Dimensie)  
                 Maaïke van der Horst (CB W.T.S. Ideefiks)  
                 Jelle Maas (I.C.T.S.V. Inter-Actief)  
                 Koen Geurtsen (W.S.G. Isaac Newton)  
                 Germen Wennemars (S.V. Paradoks)  
                 Imke Verschuren (S.A. Proto)  
                 Sarah Jansen (CB S.A. Proto)  
                 Wouter Nijenhuis (E.T.S.V. Scintilla)  
                 Pauline Lettinga (CB E.T.S.V. Scintilla)  
                 Brian Egberink (Sirius)  
                 Gijs van Pijkeren (CB Sirius)  
                 Jeroen Assink (S.V. Stress)  
                 Kevin Klein Gunnewiek (Student Involvement)

**Chair**        Lieke Pullen (OSb 2021-I)  
**Secretary**   Patrick van Oerle (OSb 2021-I)



## 1 Opening

*Lieke Pullen (OSb 2021-I) opens this General Members Assembly.*

14:06

## 2 Setting the agenda

*The agenda is adopted without changes.*

## 5 3 Notifications

### 3.1 OS Board

Lars (OSb): I have a notification about the EROs. I discussed with Jelmer that there were problems with associations without or with hardly any EROs left. He has sent you an email and has taken priority for those associations.

- 10 Imke (OSb): There are a lot of FOBOS grants of 2020 left, such that BOARDS EXTRA and SHOULD will get completely filled. We will look into the division, but for now it is just an update that there is some money left.

### 3.2 Study Associations

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

## 15 4 Minutes

### 4.1 Minutes GMA 03-06-2021 (Document 20210702)

*The minutes of the GMA of 03-06-2021 are approved.*

Decision

## 5 To-do List

Number	Action point	Status
GMA JUN.01	OS Board Make a proposal about the Mental Health committee.	Done
GMA JUN.02	OS Board Make a proposal about the profit made this year.	Done

## 6 Student Involvement

- 20 Kevin (Student Involvement): I am the student assessor of CTW, and I started a project about student involvement. This will mainly focus on how to involve students more at a central level, for example in the collaboration and communication between student parties. Together with two other students, we started this working group and have had meetings with lots of parties within the UT, including the Executive Board, CFM, University Council. We would also like to have a discussion here, which is why we have prepared some questions. So first, how have you been included in the student perspective until now?

- 25 Koen (Newton): From my perspective, Newton is not included that much. Especially, the effort I put in my feedback and opinion during COVID. We have a line with Maartje and the reconnect-working group, which is nice, but the effort we had to put in was just too much and could be done more efficient on a central level. At the programme level it is easier, you know the staff and can just walk in if you have a question. The main problem is not getting into

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contact with the right people, there are so many layers and sometimes it feels like the highest layers have lost the perspective for students. If you are not being heard, then it is impossible to get somewhere.

Maartje (SU): Is that also because you lack knowledge about the structure of the University? 35

Koen (Newton): Yeah, having more knowledge about that would probably be beneficial. We prepared a document for our successors with all the important names and positions of people within the UT.

Jelle (Inter-*Actief*): I don't disagree, but you need to be proactive with everything you do. The education for example works fine, but when you go outside your programme and you want to achieve something, you need to go through many instances before you can actually do something. 40

Kevin (Student Involvement): Do you have concrete examples of challenges or problems you have run into? For example with not knowing who to address with certain questions.

Ruben (OSb): There was a discussion about reopening association rooms, where there were a lot of updates from the UT, but at the same time study associations were trying to do stuff for their members, and didn't get any feedback. There was no part in the updates that concerned study association. There were relaxations by the government, but there was no feedback on that for the study associations. There was just no information, you had to really keep asking for information, and in one month it got told 'you can't do that'. It would be nice to hear 'hey, there is this relaxation, this means this for you'. This wasn't there, which was quite frustrating for most associations. An example was opening terraces, which took 3-4 months after it was allowed by the government. It had to be approved by a lot of parties, and our main contact person said it's possible, and two days later they said it wasn't possible anymore. 45 50

Maartje (SU): So people said certain things that weren't true, due to a lack of knowledge from their side. 55

Wouter (Scintilla): We didn't really have the feeling we were being heard. The communication just wasn't good enough.

Koen (Newton): Another example is the tent behind the Horst. For the Kick-In, we went to our team manager from CFM to get rid of the tent during the Kick-In. Herman went to Pim, and Pim told Herman that associations wanted it to be there until after the Kick-In. That wasn't true, we wanted it to be gone. If Herman would ask us, he could immediately tell it to Pim and make a decision about it. 60

Lieke (OSb): So at the bottom line, the communication is a problem which should be improved.

Kevin (Student Involvement): What is your vision on student involvement and how could this be realised in the future? 65

Lieke (OSb): I think the communication, and being involved in the process of making those decisions.

Koen (Newton): And being involved in the discussion. I had a meeting with Tom Palstra, and some guy from Euros talked 15 minutes about some stupid boat they broke and want the UT to pay for. 70

Gerard (Alembic): If it concerns students, just contact the good parties. If it is about study associations, ask us.

Jelle (Inter-*Actief*): In this case it is hard to set up a structure which is perfect for everyone. At least maybe have one contact person for each layer you have, and they can also actively update everyone. 75

Nick (Concept): Not only the discussion and process, but also tell us why certain decisions were made. Just be more transparent about those decisions.



## 7 Mental Health committee

Lieke (OSb): We made a proposal about this, I assume you have all read the proposal. I would like to ask if there are any questions or remarks.

Imke (Proto): Good proposal, well done.

Maartje (SU): The whole idea is really nice and explains why it is a good thing to start, but I missed the connection between the current first-year students and each other, but also to the UT. They had a whole first year as a Corona student, which is a lot different than being a third year student now. It would be nice to also involve them, with your association but also with each other. It is really likely, but I can't give guarantees, that there is also money available for you to organise stuff for students that lacked social cohesion due to Corona.

Maaïke (CB Ideefiks): I saw you also wanted to include world associations. How did you decide who to include and who not?

Boudewijn (OSb): Unite is the umbrella, so we thought they would be nice to invite. I just wrote down the parties that I was aware of and I hoped that if there are any missing, someone can still point it out. The main thing to keep in mind is that this is some kind of pilot committee, the structure isn't 100% set and stone.

## 8 Profit 2020-2021

Jeroen (Stress): How long will it take for the equity to be on a normal level again?

Patrick (OSb): This is still something to discuss with my successor, but currently I was thinking of three years. This would mean that for the upcoming three years OS will budget on a loss of about €750.

Maartje (SU): I think it's a nice proposal, but I was wondering whether it would be possible to also have part of this money available for nice initiatives for upcoming boards, which are not budgeted for?

Patrick (OSb): We actually have some money reserved for this, on our balance sheet called *Board Initiative*, so I don't think this is really necessary.

## 9 WhatsApp group new students (M&C)

Lieke (OSb): I got an email this morning from MC that some prospective students try to find each other on social media, and if it could be a problem to make a WhatsApp group for upcoming students. Would any associations be interested in such a WhatsApp group?

Imke (Proto): We use the study advisor, who just includes the link to the WhatsApp group in mails sent to prospective students. That works really well.

Jelle (Inter-Actief): Some students that know each other have setup a WhatsApp group or Discord channel, which apparently was promoted via Reddit. So our first years have their own Discord channel already.

## 10 Kick-In

Koen (Newton): This morning we got an email from Reconnect and it stated that and how the Kick-In will take place. It came over a bit vague, something about that education-related activities should be open for everyone, and other activities can be TvT (Testing before Entry). It is not something concrete and we can work with. So: who do we need to talk to to discuss those topics?

Maartje (SU): This was from the meeting Tuesday, and it was because there were different regulations between educational and non-educational activities. The definitions of those activities



is something we are working on with CFM now. The mail from the government was also sent last week, and if you have specific questions, you can best mail Tijmen from the Kick-In, he is the logistics manager.

Koen (Newton): Do you have any idea when we get to know which activity is in which category? We need to start buying stuff and planning stuff. It highly depends on whether we need to keep 125 1,5 meter distance.

Maartje (SU): This is something we are working on right now, but if you mail Tijmen or just go by their office, you can ask it there. If you can argument why it's an educational activity, then they will think along with you. They also want things to happen as normal as possible.

Lieke (OSb): It is unclear to us, but also to the Kick-In, so be a little bit patient with them. 130 They are trying their best.

## 11 Current COVID-situation

Lieke (OSb): I think we have discussed a lot about this during other agenda points already, but it seems there are no more questions.

## 12 Upcoming Topics

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Lieke (OSb): We will be discharged as a board upcoming GMA and our lovely candidate board will take over. Also, we will have our constitution drink the first Monday of the academic year.

## 13 Any Other Business

13.1 Anytimer Maartje

*Maartje chugs the beer in 7.21 seconds.*

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13.2 Physical GMA (ConcepT)

Nick (ConcepT): We have problems booking a room, since they aren't reserving rooms yet.

Brian (Sirius): You can reserve them from today on.

## 14 Resumé Action Points and Decisions

14.1 Resumé Action Points

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GMA JUN.01	<b>OS Board</b> Make a proposal about the Mental Health committee.	
GMA JUN.02	<b>OS Board</b> Make a proposal about the profit made this year.	

14.2 Resumé Decisions

- **GMA MMM.01** The minutes of the GMA of 03-06-2021 are approved. (page 2)

## 15 Closing

15:13 *Lieke Pullen (OSb 2021-I) closes this General Members Assembly.*